

ROTARY TIFFIN ADDRESS:

ENGINEER TELLS OF HIS TRAVELS IN CHINA AND OTHER PARTS OF WORLD

An interesting account of his travels in China and other parts of the world was given yesterday by ROTARIAN D. W. MUNTON, addressing the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club, when he spoke on the theme: "Wanderings of an Engineer."

Rotarian Muntion said, in part: I was born and spent the early part of my life in the Himalayas. I mention this fact as it probably had some bearing in the decision my father came to as to what he considered I should do in order to earn a living. His views and mine did not coincide but he won and so eventually I joined that band of hardworking individuals known as engineers.

My first effort in this direction while awaiting certain instructions, and I think the one that made my august parent decide that I was cut out for the engineering profession—was an insatiable desire on my part to have rides on the diminutive engines that hauled equally diminutive trains through some of the most beautiful scenery in the world from Siliguri at the base of the hills through Darjeeling and vice-versa.

My rides were of short duration usually between Darjeeling and the next station of Ghoom; from where I walked back.

UNFAVOURABLE IMPRESSION

The time eventually came when it was considered necessary that I should be taken home and I remember well arriving at Tilbury on a bitterly cold and foggy January morning. My first impressions of England I need hardly say were far from favourable.

After completing my technical training, I was apprenticed to a firm of electrical manufacturers in Edinburgh. I do not look back on this portion of my life with any great amount of pleasure. It entailed arriving at work at 6 a.m. and living as I did at Leith (some considerable distance from the works), this meant getting out of bed shortly after 5 a.m. and on a cold, bleak winter morning was far from pleasant.

It therefore cannot be wondered at when my firm suggested to me that perhaps I would like to go out to one of their jobs at Shanghai that I accepted with alacrity. I must admit that I was disappointed with my first sight of Shanghai. I had pictured something on the lines of Peking but going up the muddy Whangpoo I realised that I had come to a vastly different place to what I had expected.

After two years, the work I had come out to do being completed, I was instructed to return to Edinburgh which I did travelling by way of Canada and New York taking in en route a visit to Toronto and the Niagara Falls.

DEPLETED EXCHEQUER

I arrived in London with a very depleted exchequer and what was worse, to find that my firm had since last communicating with me, gone into voluntary liquidation for the purposes of re-organisation. I was informed that if I could wait six months—mark you without any salary—all would be well.

Wait six months? I could not afford to wait six weeks, and so commenced a very wearisome trudge around to likely places where work could be had. All I succeeded in getting were many rebuffs and very little hope.

Suddenly one morning I received a telegram from Edinburgh offering a job in Peking which I accepted forthwith and in two days was on my way again to China via Siberia.

One of my jobs in Peking was the installation of an electric light plant for the illumination of the Imperial and Forbidden Cities. The generating station was situated immediately outside the East Gate of the Imperial City and from the scaffolding erected in order to build the steel stack, one got a wonderful view of the interior of these then almost forbidden places, at any rate to all foreigners except on occasions to the Diplomatic Corps.

DAY, NIGHT WORK

I will here mention that this generating station was being presented to the Throne by what was then known as an expectant Tsaotai and we were urged to have the plant ready for operation by the birthday of Her Majesty. Work therefore proceeded almost night and day and was actually completed two days previously. On the day before her birthday an official opening was arranged. Several high dignitaries were present, and a sumptuous repast was laid out for the officials and guests.

A day or so later the Old Buddha suddenly passed away, predeceased a day or so by the Emperor, so how the poor expectant Tsaotai got on history does not relate. Probably the Chief Eunuch Li know, Central China was my next move and after spending some time in Hankow I went to Ichang. Here

LEAGUE TENNIS SEPARATION OF CLEAN AND DIRTY ITEMS SENT TO LAUNDRIES

Kowloon C. C. Beat Civil Service

At Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday, the home team lost to Civil Service Cricket Club by two sets to seven in the Second Division of the Tennis League.

F. Grose and N. A. E. Mackay (K. C. C.) lost to I. Agafuroff and J. A. Bendall 5-7, lost to B. Agafuroff and W. J. Skinner 4-6; beat C. Sloan and M. Yatskin 6-4.

R. O. Baker and G. M. Gillard (K. C. C.) lost to Agafuroff and Bendall 2-6; beat Agafuroff and Skinner 6-4; lost to Sloan and Yatskin 4-6.

E. Zimmermann and A. Zimmermann (K. C. C.) lost to Agafuroff and Bendall 1-6; lost to Agafuroff and Skinner 4-6; lost to Sloan and Yatskin 2-6.

FIRST DIVISION

Though playing with a few junior division players, Chinese Recreation Club, the title-holders, won comfortably from Hongkong Cricket Club in the First Division of the Tennis League at Causeway Bay yesterday.

Lee Wai-long and Lu Tak-cheuk (C. R. C.) beat Lieut. Shields-Goodman and T. J. Gould 6-1; lost to L. Goldman and T. C. Monaghan 5-7; beat G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall 7-5.

Ho Ka-lau and T. T. Lam (C. R. C.) beat Shields-Goodman and Gould 6-4; beat Goldman and Monaghan 6-3; lost to Sewell and MacDougall 3-6.

Pang Oi-lam and K. C. Ng (C. R. C.) beat Shields-Goodman and Gould 6-1; beat Goldman and Monaghan 6-1; beat Sewell and MacDougall 6-2.

CHINESE DRAW

At Causeway Bay, in the Second Division, Chinese R. C. lost a valuable point in the race for championship when they drew with Army Tennis Club, each scoring 4½ sets.

D. C. Luk and L. F. Hon (C. R. C.) lost to Capt. R. E. Guest and Sgt. Smith 4-6; beat Capt. Head and Lt. Pearce 6-0; beat Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Denyer 6-3.

S. W. Liang and K. T. Lai (C. R. C.) lost to Guest and Smith 5-7; beat Head and Pearce 6-1; beat Megson and Denyer 6-2.

H. N. Chau and C. Wei (C. R. C.) lost to Guest and Smith 2-6; drew with Head and Pearce 6-6; lost to Megson and Denyer 1-6.

CRAIGENGOWER WIN

At Happy Valley, Craigengower C. C. beat Kowloon Indian Tennis Club by nine sets to nil.

Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung (C. C. C.) beat Y. J. Khan and C. M. Khan 6-3; beat K. Singh and I. H. Ismail 6-0; beat K. Singh and N. Singh 6-1.

T. K. Lim and M. C. Hung (C. C. C.) beat Khan and Khan 6-1; beat Singh and Singh 6-1.

J. Wong and P. C. Yu (C. C. C.) beat Khan and Khan 6-0; beat Mehal and Ismail 6-1; beat Singh and Singh 6-2.

FOURTH DIVISION

In the Fourth Division Postal R. C. "A" defeated Central British Association by eight sets to one at Caroline Hill.

J. Howlett and W. Morrison (P. O. R. C.) drew with B. I. Bickford and T. Gaubert 6-6; D. T. Smith and T. Tomashevsky 6-1; N. L. Smith and N. B. M. Whitley 6-4.

W. G. Macpherson and J. Leonard (P. O. R. C.) beat Bickford and Gaubert 6-2; beat Smith and Tomashevsky 6-3; beat Smith and Whitley 6-2.

S. S. Chin and S. K. Chin (P. O. R. C.) beat Bickford and Gaubert 6-1; drew with Smith and Tomashevsky 6-6; beat Smith and Whitley 6-3.

BODY FOUND IN STREAM

About six o'clock yesterday morning, a Chinese constable discovered a decomposed body of a Chinese male in a stream under the railway bridge in Hunghom. It is believed that the man was drowned whilst taking a bath. The body was removed to the Public Mortuary.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following is a list of unclaimed telegrams lying at the office of Messrs. Cable and Wireless, Ltd.:

Via Cable:—Mr. O. Annis, Salor's Home and Seamen's Institute, Gloucester Road, from Liverpool; Smith, 171224, R.A. Draft H.Q. from London.

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GLIDER MOVEMENT IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, Aug. 12 (Central)—The Glider Movement, originated here, is now spreading. A branch association for pushing the movement will shortly be established.

In Kansu while branches in Kwaig, si and Yunnan will also be set up a the end of this year.

A factory for the manufacture of gliders is now under planning. The first group of glider flyers now under training will be graduated next month. Enrolment of the second group will soon be started.

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BASEBALL.—U.S.S. Mindanao v. Chung Hwa, 5.15 p.m.

BASEKETBALL.—Trojans v. South China, 7.30 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. v. National U., 8.30 p.m., Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.

TENNIS.—"A" Division: H.K.C.C. v. S.C.A.A., C.R.C. v. H.K.U.T.C., K.C.C. v. I.R.C. "C" Division: C.D.R. v. S.C.A.A., A.T.C. v. L.R.C., K.T.G.C.A. v. K.I.T.C., K.C.C. v. C.R.C. (2), C.R.C. (1) v. C.C.C.

TOMORROW

TENNIS.—"D" Division: P.O.R.C. (1) v. C.B.A., J.R.C. v. I.R.C., S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C., C.C.C. v. P.O.R.C. (2).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

LAWN BOWLS.—First Division: Indian R.C. v. Reclero "A", Kowloon B.G.C. "B" v. Craigengower, Kowloon B.G.C. "A" v. Kowloon C.C., Reclero "E" v. Police R.C., Kowloon Docks R.C. v. Civil Service. Second Division: Craigengower v. Reclero, Kowloon F.C. v. Hongkong C.C., Talkoo R.C. v. Kowloon Tong, Hongkong F.C. v. Prison O.C. Third Division: Police R.C. v. Craigengower, Hongkong C.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C., Hongkong Electric v. Kowloon F.C., Reclero v. Indian R.C.

RECREIO RINKS FOR SATURDAY

Club de Recreio rinks for the Lawn Bowls League matches on Saturday are as follows:—

FIRST DIV. "A":—J. Luz, C. E. Marques, L. F. Xavier, J. V. Ribeiro (skip); F. X. Soares, C. M. Silva, F. V. Ribeiro, R. F. Luz (skip); F. M. Silva, C. Roza Pereira, J. E. Noronha, H. A. Alves (skip).

FIRST DIV. "B":—D. C. Alves, C. H. Basto, L. Silva, J. J. Basto (skip); A. F. Noronha, O. P. Remedios, J. C. Remedios, E. Souza (skip); C. F. Vas, A. M. Xavier, A. M. Rodrigues, A. Guterres (skip).

SECOND DIV.—A. J. Oamund, C. M. B. Alves, M. Alarcon, A. P. Pereira (skip); L. A. Roxario, A. V. Barros, H. R. Pinna, J. E. Soares (skip); E. L. Barros, F. A. Xavier, J. A. Remedios, C. C. Pereira (skip).

THIRD DIV.—E. Cunha, E. Alarcon, G. Guterres, P. A. Yvanovich (skip); G. A. Pinna, F. Sequelra, A. A. Rosa, M. F. Pinna (skip); R. Campos, E. A. R. Alves, H. M. Xavier, M. Mendonca (skip).

Urban Council Forms Committee To Study Hawker Question

It was decided at yesterday's meeting of the Urban Council to refer the whole question of the amendments to the by-laws under the Hawkers' Ordinance No. 22 of 1935, made by the Council at its meeting of July 2, and submitted to Government for approval by the Legislative Council, and which was subsequently referred back to the Council for further investigation, to the usual Committee of the Urban Council dealing with hawkers but supplemented by all the Chinese members of the Council.

Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie was in the Chair and other members present were: Dr. N. C. Macleod (Vice-Chairman), Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves, Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Hon. Mr. J. P. Pennefather-Evans, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. A. el Arcuill, Dr. S. N. Chau, Mr. Benjamin Wong-Tape, Mr. Tang Shu-kin, Dr. A. M. Rodrigues, Mr. M. W. Lo, Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary) and Mr. Im Ping-tseung (Assistant Secretary).

The letter received from Government, proposing that the whole matter of hawkers be investigated by a Committee of the Council, was tabled and read by the Chairman, who proposed that the Committee should comprise of himself, Dr. Macleod, Messrs. North, Pennefather-Evans, Wong-Tape, Tang Shu-kin and M. W. Lo and Dr. S. N. Chau.

PUBLIC INTEREST

On the Chairman stating that it was not his intention to discuss the contents of the letter, Mr. Wong-Tape reminded the Council that the matter was of public interest and suggested that the whole question be opened for discussion at the present meeting.

Mr. Carrie stated that he was not prepared to discuss the contents of the letter at that meeting due to the presence of the Press. Furthermore, said the speaker, he had not received any terms of reference. As to the advisability of admitting the Press to discussions of the Committee, he would leave the whole matter in the hands of the Committee.

UNSUITABLE FOR NOODLE MANUFACTORY

On the grounds that the premises were so congested that it would be impossible to carry out the business of a noodle manufactory under sanitary conditions, an application for a food factory (A) licence for No. 132, Shanghai St., ground floor, was refused by the Urban Council at its fortnightly meeting yesterday.

The Chairman, Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrie, said that the premises were also licensed as a bake-house and were being fully occupied as such.

There was no objection to the noodle manufacturing business being carried on in the same premises, said Mr. Carrie, provided that it could be done without the place being congested.

It was found by the Senior Inspector, a Sanitary Inspector and a Health Officer to be so crowded that it would be impossible to carry on under sanitary conditions.

The following licences were granted by the Urban Council between July 29 and Aug. 11, inclusive:

Food factories, food shops, bake houses and advertisements (permission to erect neon signs), one each; eating houses, three.

Short-Lived Strike

TAXI-CAB DRIVERS RETURN TO WORK

Following negotiations lasting the whole length of yesterday morning, a strike called by the drivers of the Yellow Taxi-cab Company the day before was called off, all the men returning to their jobs at 3 p.m.

The strike was called after the Company had refused to reinstate two dismissed employees.

The Taxi-cab Company threatened to employ non-Taxi-cab Drivers' Union men and the strikers were given up to noon to make up their minds as to whether they would return to their work or stay jobless.

Following the morning's negotiations, this time limit was extended to 3 p.m. when the strikers, following mediation by the Labour Officer, agreed to come back to work.

The two dismissed men, it is understood, have not been reinstated.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS AT CENTRAL

ROBBED BROTHER

Tsang Man-pu, 18, unemployed, appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., yesterday and was convicted on the charge of larceny of a tweed coat valued \$5 and one gold jade finger-ring valued at \$5 from Tsang Yuk-hing, 26, of No. 14 Ships Street on Aug. 11.

It was stated that the defendant is the younger brother of complainant and lived together at the above address. On the day in question between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., while complainant went to work, defendant was alleged to have taken the goods mentioned from a leather trunk which he broke open.

Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley, prosecuting, stated that defendant had stolen twice before and was warned by the Police.

BOGUS POLICEMEN

Two unemployed, Tang Pang, 24, and Chan Chiu, 20, both residing at No. 12, Tai Yuen Street, second floor, were fined \$100 or two months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon, when they were charged with impersonating Police Officers at Kennedy Road, on Aug. 11.

First accused pleaded guilty, but second defendant pleaded not guilty.

The complainant, Chan Sang, 33, unemployed, in evidence, said that on Aug. 11 at about 12.45 p.m., while he was walking along Kennedy Road with some tree wood both accused stopped him and they were alleged to have said that they were Police Officers. Complainant asked them to show their credentials but they failed to do so and a struggle between complainant and accused then ensued.

Ho Hang, Forest Guard No. 24, stated that while he was on duty near the scene of the incident he saw both defendants struggle with complainant. He went up to investigate and was told by the complainant that accused claim to be forest guards. The accused were subsequently arrested and detained.

Det.-Sgt. Bentley stated that second accused had one previous conviction.

LARCENY BY SERVANT

For larceny by servant of clothing and a gold watch, property of Insp. Saunders, and one fountain pen, property of Sgt. Youe, on divers dates between June 1 and July 20 at No. 158, Calne Road, first floor, Hung Wal-kwong, 18, unemployed, was convicted and sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry.

Early in May this year complainants, taking pity on defendant, engaged him as an odd-job coolie and car cleaner. Three weeks ago defendant was discharged because he was found to be unreliable.

After defendant's dismissal complainants discovered the theft and on information he was arrested. It was found that the property were pawned in various pawnshops. The total value of the property amounted to \$537, but only \$407 worth was recovered.

Insp. Saunders, prosecuting.

BLACK-OUT SUMMONSES

Twenty-eight persons appeared before Major A. M. Macfadyen when they were summoned for breach of the Black-out Regulations by failing to dim or obscure their house lights sufficiently on July 22, and fines of \$1 and \$2 were imposed.

Sgt. Roberts prosecuting.

MURDER CHARGE

Chan Leung alias Chan Sai, 22, odd job coolie, Yung Hon-chi, 22, coolie, and Yung Sze-kit, appeared before Mr. Sheldon, charged with the murder of Yung Wing-pai on July 31.

First and second accused were remanded for one week while third accused was remanded three days.

CHINESE POLICE INSPS. OFFERED BRIBE OF \$50 PER DAY TO WITHHOLD CERTAIN INFORMATION

Committal proceedings began before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday of the case in which a clerk, NG CHAU LAM, and two telephone operators, CHEUNG HON-WAH and IP PO-WAI, are alleged to have, with others not in custody, conspired to offer a bribe to C.S.I. Lam Yung-hon, with intent to influence his conduct.

Second defendant was additionally charged with offering a bribe of \$50 to C.S.I. Lam Yung-hon at No. 134, Calne Road, second floor, on July 23.

On July 23, as a result of information received by Mr. E. C. Luscombe, A.S.P., a Police party comprising Mr. Luscombe, Det.-Sgt. Cashman, C.S.I.s Lam Yung-hon and Chan Cheong-chuen and an interpreter proceeded to No. 134, Calne Road, second floor.

It was so arranged for Mr. Luscombe, Mr. Cashman and the interpreter to conceal themselves behind a partition in the verandah of the above address in order to overhear whatever might take place.

At about 7.20 p.m. third defendant came to the address, and he was alleged to have told C.S.I. Lam that the keepers of a gaming house offered to pay him \$50 per day to refrain from giving information to Mr. Luscombe, as C.S.I. Lam was the assistant to him.

PHONE CALL MADE

As a result of Lam's request to make a personal agreement with the keepers operating the gaming house, third accused made a telephone call and later first and second defendants arrived and were introduced to Lam as the alleged keepers of the Eastern Gaming House.

In the presence of third and first accused, second accused handed \$50 in notes to Lam. After the latter had counted the money the accused left the premises but as they opened the door they were arrested by Mr. Cashman and Mr. Luscombe.

Chinese Sub-Insp. Lam Yung-hon, assistant to Mr. Luscombe, A.S.P., in evidence, stated that as a result of certain information which was conveyed to him by C.S.I. Chan Cheong-chuen, and later reported by him to Mr. Luscombe, a meeting was arranged between Mr. Luscombe, Mr. Cash-

man, C.S.I. Chan, an interpreter and himself at his private address, No. 134, Calne Road, second floor.

MET THIRD ACCUSED

Chinese Sub-Insp. Chan Cheong-chuen stated that he lived with C.S.I. Lam in the same room. On July 20, he received a letter through the Post Office signed by an ambulance driver, Cheng Ping-tun, whom he knew. On July 22, at about 2.30 p.m. he went to the Wanchai Fire Station where Cheng introduced him to third accused. In the course of a conversation which he had with third accused there, the latter said that he wished to act as a go-between to the keepers of a gaming house and C.S.I. Lam. He also stated that the keepers of the gaming house wished to pay a large sum of money to Lam to influence him (Lam) from supplying information to Mr. Luscombe. Witness stated that he returned to his quarters on July 23 and told C.S.I. Lam what had occurred.

At about 6 p.m. on instructions, he went to 134, Calne Road, second floor, and at about 7.20 p.m. third accused arrived. He introduced third accused to Lam and later, he stated, that first and second accused also arrived.

First accused is on bail of \$2,500 and together with second accused, are represented by Mr. H. L. Kwan, while Mr. M. A. da Silva is appearing for third accused.

BAIL REDUCED

At yesterday's hearing, Mr. Silva made a strong plea for reduction of his client's bail which was fixed at \$2,500, and after consideration by his Worship bail of \$1,000 in cash was allowed.

Det.-Sgt. Cashman is in charge of the prosecution.

The case was adjourned to Aug. 15.

In Police custody for further enquiries.

Det. Sgt. N. B. Fraser is in charge of the case.

AT KOWLOON

PRISON FOR KIDNAPPER

Appearing before Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday morning Yin Nui, 39, unemployed, was convicted on a charge of stealing a three-year old child.

He was sentenced to six months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

COSTLY RIDE!

Kwong King-lee, 25, described as a theatre employee, was charged before Mr. H. C. Macnamara with evading payment of his bus fare.

On Aug. 10 defendant boarded a bus at Tai Po Road with his girl friend and when asked by the conductor to purchase his ticket defendant said that he possessed a monthly ticket but could not produce it. His girl friend offered to pay but he stopped her and was arrested when he tried to alight from the bus at the next stop.

He was fined \$25.

GAMBLERS JUMP BAIL

Failing to appear before Mr. Macnamara on a charge of keeping a gaming house in Nam Cheong Street, Ho Wing had his bail of \$50 ex-reated.

Twenty-six gamblers, including a student, also had their bail of \$3 ex-reated when they failed to appear on a charge of gambling.

The sum of \$28.70 was picked up and ordered to be placed in the Poor Box.

CAUTIONED

Lo Hang, 20, unemployed, was charged before Mr. Macnamara with spitting in the street in Shamshuipo. He was seen by a Chinese constable who arrested him. Defendant, who had been in custody since, was cautioned and discharged.

DANGEROUS DRIVING

Appearing before Mr. Macnamara on a summons for dangerous driving, Shui Koon was fined \$25.

It was stated that at about 6.25 p.m. on July 14, defendant was driving along Tai Po Road when he overtook a lorry at a bend forcing Inspector Brittain, who was coming from the opposite direction, to pull up in order to avoid a collision.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. DOBSON

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT CEMETERY

The funeral took place at the Catholic Cemetery yesterday of Mr. John Dobson, whose death occurred suddenly at Kowloon Hospital on Monday, with Father E. Bourke officiating.

The late Mr. Dobson, who passed his fortieth birthday last March, came to the Colony in Aug. 1929 and had been attached to the Buildings Ordinance Office of the Public Works Department since then. He was born at Preston, Lancashire. He was a member of Kowloon Football Club and represented them in the bowls league.

The deceased is survived by his widow, who is in the Colony.

THOSE PRESENT

The funeral was largely attended by deceased's colleagues and friends among whom were the Hon. Mr. A. B. Purves (Director of Public Works), Messrs. F. D. Fitches, C. B. Robertson, W. O. Pryde, H. J. Fountain, A. F. Paul, A. Tarbruck, G. P. Hedley, C. E. Stirling, A. Bailey, R. S. W. Pater-son, C. E. Moore, A. Brooksbank, A. M. J. Macfadyen, J. Wattie, H. J. Pierce, D. C. Morgan, A. M. J. Wright, T. M. Carr, A. Bone, H. G. Wallington, C. C. Wong, H. K. Lal, P. C. Chan, and others.

WREATHS

Floral tributes were sent by Mr. and Mrs. Bailey and Ken. Mr. and Mrs. Mayor (Preston), Mr. and Mrs. Crompton (Preston), Mrs. David Dobson (Preston), Mrs. Rowe (Marble Hall), A. B. Purves, Mitchell, Eastbrook, and Freeman (Marble Hall), L. D. Skinner, E. G. Stewart, Tim Daly and W. F. Hedley, Wong Foo-kee, H. M. Shi, Y. Abbas, The Commandant and All Ranks, H.K. V.D.C., European Staff, Buildings Ordinance Office, Chinese Staff, Buildings Ordinance Office.

A bouquet from deceased's wife, "Gweneth," was interred with the casket.

It was requested that donations in memory of the late Mr. Dobson be made to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, with which both Mr. and Mrs. Dobson were closely associated.

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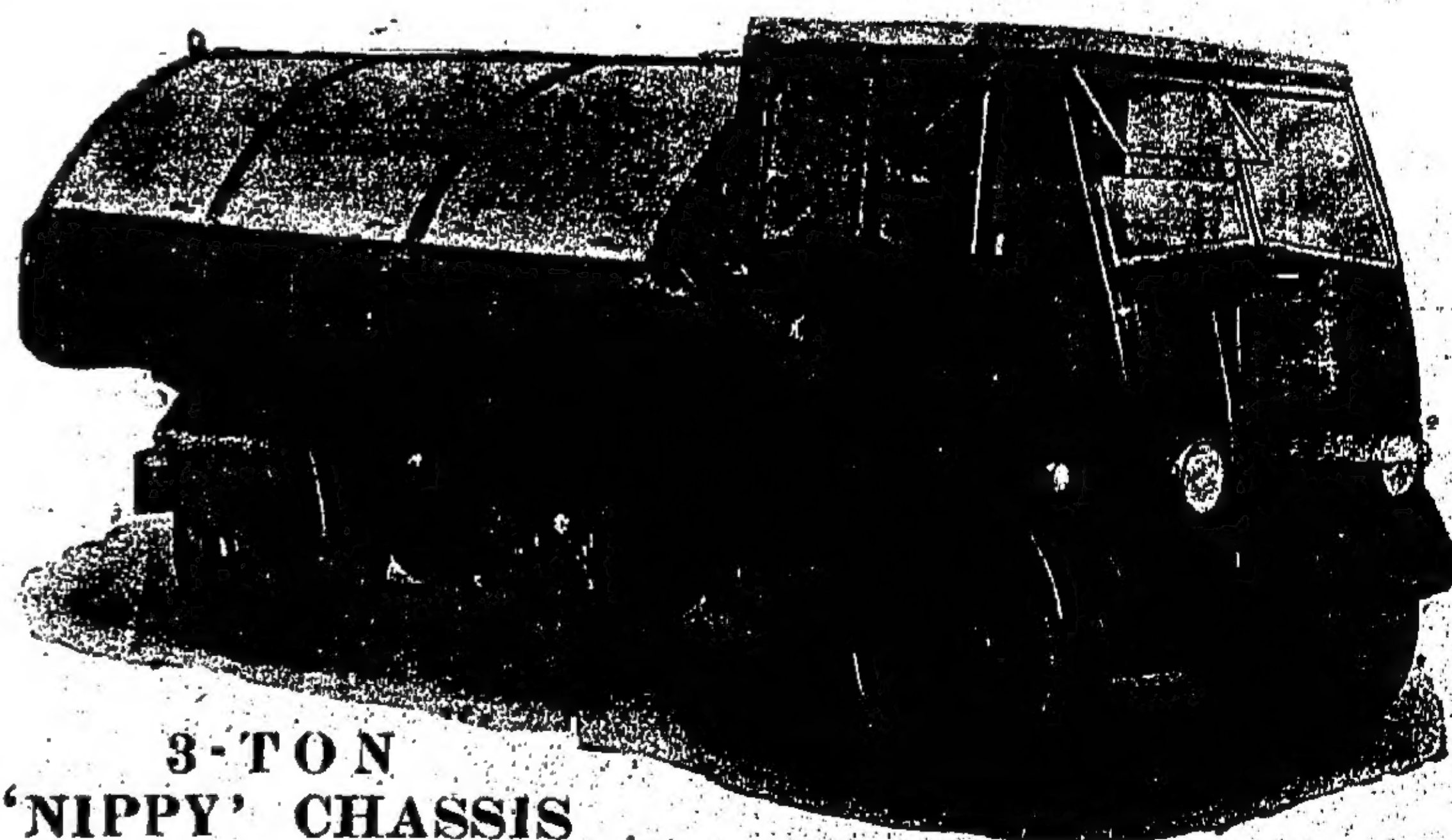
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AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of ONE DOLLAR per share for the six months ended 30th June, 1941, will be payable on TUESDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1941, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained at the Company's office, 3 Chater Road.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 14th AUGUST, 1941, to MONDAY, 25th AUGUST, 1941, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
O. EAGER,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 7th August, 1941.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY, 16th AUGUST, 1941, to MONDAY, 25th AUGUST, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
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C. M. MANNERS,
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Hong Kong, 11th August, 1941.

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SOUTH PACIFIC
TINDER BOX

IF THE SPARKS MUST FLY, then it will be in the South, rather than in the North, that the tinder-box will be found. This view, which was cabled from Hsin-king yesterday, appears to be the general consensus of opinion in world political circles in commenting on the developments in the Pacific and the possibility of a conflict between Japan and the Democratic front in the Far East. There has, however, been nothing from Tokyo to indicate what her military plans for the immediate future may be. The economic mobilisation of the country, on the other hand, is taken as meaning that Japan's position has deteriorated so rapidly as a result of the measures taken by Britain and the United States that she has now no alternative but to pursue her policy of expansion, thus supplying the spark that is needed to set the South Pacific tinder-box alight.

THE INVOKING of the National General Mobilisation Act in Japan, of course, places the whole country on an immediate war footing and brings her trade and shipping directly under Government control. The economic restrictions imposed on her people by British and American sanctions have thus been increased, the purpose of this move being to make everything the country possesses available to her military leaders. The people, already suffering great privations and hardships after four years of unprofitable military operations against China, are now being asked to make even greater sacrifices in the hope of being able to gather in a rich harvest from the depredations which their militarists seem determined to continue in the South Pacific. The Japanese have already been warned that this attempt to replenish their economic coffers by force cannot but fail, for the simple reason that the odds are daily increasing against them and that they would be unwise to under-estimate either the strength or the determination of the forces

Average Daily Excess Of
Takings Over Purchasing
Price Of Vegetables

Mr. C. N. Li, in his report to the EQUITABLE RICE SALES FUND COMMITTEE at its weekly meeting held at Medical Headquarters on Monday, that the "average excess of takings over purchasing price of vegetables on the second week's operations amounted to \$2.92."

Mr. Li pointed out that this was an improvement upon the first week's work, but was still below the sum required to place these activities on a sound economic footing.

Vegetables purchased totalled 139,182 piculs at a cost of \$776.71. Of this quantity 132,775 piculs had been sold for \$818.71, while wasteage amounted to 11,672 piculs, valued at \$67.52.

A reduction in the price of vegetables in certain of the markets had been noted.

The vegetable loans were making a strenuous effort to dissuade the New Territories farmers from giving their custom to the Committee's buyers. It was resolved that operations should be continued, their influence on buying and selling vegetables being deemed salutary.

OFFER OF SERVICE

Rev. Cyril Brown's offer of co-operation, contained in his letter of Aug. 11 to the Committee, was gladly accepted, and the Chairman was authorised to write to Mr. Brown suggesting that his assistance take the form of visits to rice retail shops to check the prices asked for the different grades of rice and the quality of the grades in question.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at Medical Headquarters on Monday, Aug. 18, at 3 p.m.

A large crowd attended the exhibition of pot plants, Chinese paintings and tropical fish, sponsored by the Chung Shing Benevolent Society and held in the grounds of the Si Nan Girls' College, at Waterloo Road, yesterday.

being lined up to oppose them.

LET US EXAMINE the position which Japan will face in the event of her deciding to march into Thailand. The spark will then immediately be applied to the tinder-box and war with Britain and the United States will result. Japan will immediately be confronted with waging land and air operations against Britain on Thai territory and naval operations against the British Navy in the South Pacific waters. From her naval bases in the Pacific, the American Fleet will be in a position to blockade Japan itself and to check all her movements of troops from the occupied territories of China and also from Formosa. Aircraft carriers of the British and American Fleet will be able to co-operate not only against these troop movements, but against her communications and supply centres in China and Indo-China. In the North, Soviet Russia, as an ally now of Britain, would be able, if she joins in the task of stemming this Far Eastern aggressor, to bomb the cities and towns of Japan and use her Far Eastern Fleet in tightening the blockade.

TO WHOM, in such circumstances, can Japan turn for help? From Germany or Italy? What help can these two European aggressors, with their own hands fully occupied in dealing with a two-fronted battle in Europe, supply Japan? None at all. If Japan is counting on being able to use French forces in Indo-China and a few derelict warships that make up the French Fleet there, she will probably find them more of a liability than an asset, with the ever present possibility that, just as happened in Syria, the French troops in Indo-China will not lend themselves readily to fighting against Britain. That is just a rough outline of the opposition that Japanese aggression will encounter. It should be enough to show who will be on the losing side.

CORRESPONDENCE

H.K. Y'S MEN'S
CLUB ADDRESS

The Editor, H.K. Daily Press

Sir—I have just seen the report in your issue of August 8 of the talk I gave to the Y's Men on the previous day.

The report was unfortunately not altogether true either to the letter or to the meaning of what I had to say, so I shall be extremely grateful if you will give space to the following corrections and elucidations.

I did not say that the movement for national freedom in China began after the resistance in Shanghai. On the contrary, I gave the historical roots of the movement and pointed out that it has been a decisive factor in China's foreign relations since the award of Shanghai to the Japanese at the Paris Conference—in 1919.

I did not say that, before the war, "the large majority" of Chinese shared the belief that Japan could defeat China, militarily, within three months. On the contrary, the large majority of Chinese believed that only an anti-Japanese war could save the country, which was being nibbled away in small morsels. The defeatist element was a small minority, but it was a minority sufficiently well entrenched to hold up the development of national resistance. Even now, unfortunately, not all sections of this minority have been removed from positions of influence or followed their prototype, Wang Ching-wei, into the enemy camp—where they belong.

I did not say that China is unconquerable. On the contrary, I warned against the uncritical acceptance of any such statement and pointed out that in the course of the last century, and until the development of the national revolutionary movement, the country suffered the most bitter and humiliating series of defeats that any nation has ever had to endure over a similar period. The success of the Northern Expedition in 1925-27 and of resistance to Japan in 1937-39 coincided with times when the people of China were permitted freely to organise themselves for the defence of their country and the improvement of internal conditions. Since the fall of Hankow, this freedom of organisation has been curbed, and political witch-hunts have taken up much of the energy so badly needed against the enemy. For this China has paid in military defeats—notably in the Chungtiao mountains of Shansi late last spring. China will be unconquerable if this reactionary trend is checked—not otherwise.

The statement that no Chinese should balance his interests against those of the nation has no meaning unless it is pointed out that the Chinese who are doing so are the war profiteers and those who act as though even a Japanese victory would be preferable to more internal democracy.

My remarks on the subject of the world situation were as follows: "The world war is being fought under slogans of democracy. China can only win allied to the truly democratic forces. She cannot win unless she develops democracy within the country."

(In publishing Mr. Epstein's letter at his request and while maintaining that our report gave a very fair summary of the more acceptable parts of his address, consonant with our editorial policy, we must point out that the reference in his letter to the fighting in the Chungtiao mountains and his allegations that freedom of organisation or democracy in China is curbed do not tally with the facts of the position as they are known to us. In fact, the line taken by Mr. Epstein in expanding on his remarks at the Y's Men's Club appears to differ very little from that adopted by the pro-Communist minority in China—Editor, H.K.D.P.)

161 DEATHS
FROM T.B.

The following is the Returns of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended at midnight on Aug. 9:—

Cholera, 59 cases (26 deaths); Diphtheria, three cases (one death); Dysentery, 57 cases (26 deaths); Enteric Fever, 17 cases (nine deaths); Measles, three cases (one death); Tuberculosis, 250 cases, four imported, (161 deaths).

MONDAY'S RETURNS

The Returns for the 24 hours ended at midnight on Monday is as follows:—Cholera, seven cases; Diphtheria, one case; Dysentery, eight cases; Enteric Fever, 10 cases; Tuberculosis, 43 cases (one imported).

H.C.L. INQUIRY

D.M.S. ATTENDS
MEETING

Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, attended the third meeting of the Committee appointed by His Excellency the Governor to advise on high cost of living allowance for dollar-paid Government officers on the permanent staff, other than those whose salaries do not exceed \$35 a month, held in the Chambers of Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall yesterday.

The Committee comprises Mr. Justice Cressall (Chairman), Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong, Mr. A. J. C. Taylor, Mr. Ng Chak-wing and Mr. Q. A. A. Macfarlane, with Mrs. W. A. Jones as Secretary.

The meeting was in camera, and it is not proposed to hold any meetings in public for the time being.

At subsequent meetings, evidence from members of the junior staff will be heard. It was also hoped that representatives of private firms would attend the meeting to give evidence with regard to what they have done in connexion with high cost of living allowance to members of their staffs.

CAR OVERTURNS IN
TAIPO ROAD

While turning a corner of Taiipo Road, Shamshuipo, on Monday about 7 p.m., a private motorcar, in trying to avoid a pedestrian, overturned. At the time of the mishap the car was carrying four passengers, who were not very seriously injured.

They were sent to hospital for treatment.

ANOTHER MISHAP

About the same time another motor accident occurred on the same road when Ng Nan, aged about 30, was knocked down by a transport lorry while crossing the street. He received body and leg injuries and was sent to Kowloon Hospital.

Rice Mills: No Reply From
Govt. On Recommendations

At the weekly meeting of the Equitable Rice Sales Fund Committee, held at Medical Headquarters on Monday, it was reported by the Chairman, Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, that no reply had been received by Government to the Committee's recommendations regarding rice mills, but that an instructive letter had been received from Mr. F. C. Barry, Manager of the Hongkong Government Rice Monopoly.

Mr. Barry pointed out that the proposal to import padi from Burma would involve an increase of freight by 25 per cent, and that the loss of weight by conversion of padi into cargo (unpolished) rice would be about 27 per cent, so that the cost, exclusive of milling and retail charges, would be about \$15 per picul, the price at which Burma rice is sold at present.

ANTI-BERI-BERI

Mr. Barry agreed that cargo rice offered to the consumer all possible advantage in relation to the anti-beri-beri factor, but he was doubtful whether local mills could, in the aggregate, husk more than 50 piculs of padi per day.

The Chairman suggested that the Government of the Straits Settlements had early appreciated the advantage to be derived from storing padi, its far longer keeping qualities and, hence, lesser need for turnover than with other types of rice (with all the consequential charges for sea and land transport and handling and godown charges, losses for deterioration, etc.), and the added advantage of being capable of undermilling with the preservation of a portion, at least, of the health-giving and disease-preventing qualities of such rice.

MILL ACQUIRED

Dr. Selwyn-Clarke added that he had received information that the

THE WAR IN THE AIR:

IMPORTANCE OF BERLIN
AS A TARGET: COMBINED
ANGLO-RUSSIAN RAIDS

"Lord Trenchard has emphasised that to bomb the German soldier in Germany is more effective than to bomb the German soldier in any country he has overrun. Psychologically, I think Lord Trenchard was right," said MAJOR OLIVER STEWART, M.C., A.F.C., the well-known commentator on aerial warfare, when he broadcast from London yesterday on the latest developments of the war in the air.

"In the air," began Major Stewart, "a two-front war became a reality directly the Germans moved eastwards. The R.A.F. at once speeded up its air offensive by night and day. For the Germans this reality may have been hidden until the R.A.F. and the Russian Air Force took it upon themselves to bomb Berlin."

PROPAGANDA ERROR

Major Stewart referred to the German claim that they had shot down six R.A.F. planes over Berlin, when it was the Russian Air Force that had attacked the city. That error of propaganda was a serious reflection on the German reports of the progress of the war in the east.

"It might even be that the eagerness of the Germans to make war has been responsible for the feeling of the immunity from attack which Berlin has held in the past," said Major Stewart. "There were courageous Germans who urged their leaders on. But I wonder now as Berlin feels the war more and more immediately and more and more severely, whether this feeling still remains."

"There are people here who say that the bombing of Berlin is a waste of effort and that there are many other closer targets which are just as important. There are many targets that are just as important as Berlin, but personally I think that hard hits on Berlin are well worth the while. When there are attacks by the R.A.F. on one side and by the Russian Air Force on the other, I think it will have a very appreciable effect on the course of the war."

BERLIN AS TARGET

"Lord Trenchard emphasised that to bomb the German soldier in Germany was more effective than to bomb the German soldier in some country he has overrun. Psychologically, I think Lord Trenchard was right. So long as the Germans feel that they have a part of their country to which they can retire for a rest during bombings, they will always be able to call up reserves of energy with which to hold out."

"But when they know that every part of Germany can be attacked they will begin to feel uncomfortable. The value of Berlin as

the administrative headquarters of the war is not to be underestimated. Berlin is still the administrative headquarters of the Germans and every attack that disarranges communications, industries, manufactures, etc., will hamper the whole fabric of the German war effort.

"For these reasons it is well worth making Berlin one of the chief objectives of our bombers, however difficult it is to get there, more so now that the Russian bombers are attacking it as well. Everyone agrees that the Russians and ourselves have succeeded in hitting Berlin very hard. The Germans will, of course, hit back at London and Moscow."

LONDONER'S IMPRESSED

"London has been having a restful time, but Londoners will join with me when I say that if it will ease the strain on the Russians, they hope the Germans will try and bomb us here again. They have been impressed by the way in which the Russians have been fighting and they long to take some of the burden from their shoulders."

"I think the Londoner's feeling of satisfaction when after being bombed in his own city he hears that Berlin has been bombed is justified by military facts. Berlin does contain important objectives. Attacks of this kind have an immediate and powerful effect on the course of the war. The popular conception that the capital of a country is its heart is fully justified, the conception being that a country cannot fight on if its capital is knocked out."

"We have now a number of long-range heavy bombers," continued Major Stewart. "Their numbers are being added to every week. The Russians too have long-range bombers. From our bases in England we can reach Berlin now carrying large bombs. From the Russian bases, the Russian bombers can also reach Berlin. The attack is thus coming from two sides instead of one."

DEFENCE DIFFICULTIES

"That increases defence difficulties and that also counters the advantages which the Germans have with their bases in France for attacking London. We don't know what planes the Russians have for long-range bombing of Berlin. So far they have confined their long-range bombing to two or three places and they have hit these places very hard."

"They have put Berlin on their programme and we can be sure that their efforts will not be half-hearted affairs. Whether bombing can win wars is a question that has been widely discussed. The opinion is that they cannot win wars alone because bases from which the bombers set out must be held by ground troops."

"We are suffering many casualties and much damage in England from enemy bombing, but we have to compare our present bombers with those operating last year to see that the enemy has not achieved anything approaching the winning of war by bombing."

"If the Russians hold their bases in Russia and we can hold our bases in Britain, we may combine in a bombing offensive of sufficient weight to knock out Germany," concluded Major Stewart.

JAPANESE LEAVE
COLONY

Less than 100 Japanese men, women and children have left Hongkong since the order freeing Japanese credits in the Colony came into effect.

"Most of them have travelled to Canton, where they are waiting ships to take them to Shanghai, Formosa and Japan."

The Shiragone Maru left Hongkong for Canton yesterday with a full list of passengers, among them some 20 Japanese nationals, mostly women and children.

Word has been received that the Overseas Chinese Federation in New Zealand remitted N.Z. £1,178 patriotic funds to China in June. Together with N.Z. £1,185 remitted in January, the Chinese in New Zealand have now sent China a total of N.Z. £2,363 in the current year.

Situation In Far East Nearly At Flash Point

LONDON, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—The inflammable situation in the Far East forms the theme of the leading articles in the DAILY TELEGRAPH and the DAILY MAIL, the latter describing the situation as "nearly at flash point."

The DAILY TELEGRAPH says: "Japan's militarists have chosen to defy the British Commonwealth and the United States, threatening an attack on the vital interests of both in the hope that with their energies concentrated in the European struggle and the Middle East the two great Democracies may let the Pacific go by default. The Japanese military junta delight to imitate the Fuehrer and perhaps still believe in his star, but Japan will risk nothing to save Hitler from defeat."

"While the Nazi legions are embedded in the Russian plains the wheels of Japan's chariots in Manchukuo will tarry. How much the Japanese oligarchs will venture in the south against Thailand, against Singapore and beyond depends on their estimate of the strength which aggression would encounter."

"A large-scale offensive by land, air and sea some three thousand miles away from Japanese ports is an enterprise from which even leaders responsible for the interminable

wastage of Japan's strength in China might shrink."

TOKYO UNDECIDED

The DAILY MAIL suggests that Japan is undecided whether to march against the Russians or Thailand, adding: "Perhaps there is a great deal of bluff in the threats she is making in both directions. If so, a further warning is needed that a bluff of this description, carried to extremes now manifest, is likely to take charge of the bluff and create a position where the only move possible is forward. Those whom Japan threatens are not treating it as a bluff. They are making stern last-hour preparations to resist an attack jointly as they have already given joint warnings."

"The United States will take the leadership in any action in the Pacific, whether diplomatic or of a warlike character, and we are well content with this. We, as well as Australia, are prepared to take any necessary action in the defence of our Imperial interests. We shall be ready to conform to a more comprehensive plan."

PACIFIC MENACE

"Undoubtedly, Hitler considers the moment for Japanese action well chosen probably by himself. When German forces are meeting fierce opposition in Russia it is time to create a diversion, not only of Russian forces but also of American armaments from Britain and Russia, to the menace in the Pacific. So Hitler undoubtedly thinks. So perhaps Japan thinks. But we remind ourselves and them that in face of realities the ultimate success of any such desperate gamble is impossible and that the cost will be enormous."

"ASAMA" WILL NOT CALL AT 'FRISCO

TOKYO, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—Mr. Koh Ishii, deputy spokesman of the Information Board, disclosed to foreign correspondents at today's Press conference that the Asama Maru, which is at present on the open seas, will return to Japan without touching San Francisco, according to a semi-official Japanese report.

Mr. Ishii said that he could not definitely say when Japanese shipping will resume the schedule to the United States.

STARVED TO DEATH

A number of Chinese died of starvation during the Japanese blockade of Nantao recently, according to a Shanghai dispatch.

On August 5 three starving young Chinese were chased and fired upon by Japanese soldiers when they tried to run away. One of them was wounded and arrested while the other two escaped. (Central News).

Lorries And Loads: High Court Ruling

"A reasonable construction of Rule 15A is that the maximum load a lorry may impose on a public road is the sum of its registered axle weights, and from this it follows that the maximum weight of cargo which can be put in the lorry is the sum of the registered axle weights minus the weight of the lorry as defined in the Ordinance."

Thus held Sir Percy McElwaine, Chief Justice in a judgment he delivered today in the case which came on for hearing in Singapore and in which he was asked to give a ruling in regard to the interpretation of the word "load" under the Traction Engines and Motor Vehicles Ordinance.

The point was raised in the High Court as a sequel to a case in the Police Courts in which Bahadur Singh, the driver of a lorry, and Tan Beng Cheng, the owner of the lorry, were fined one dollar each, the former on a charge of overloading the lorry and the latter for permitting the lorry to be overloaded.

"Two views were advanced, the first that the rule allows a load not exceeding the sum of the registered axle weights to be placed on the lorry; the second that the rule means that the maximum

load which could be placed on the lorry was the difference between the sum of the registered axle weights and the weight of the lorry unloaded," stated Sir Percy.

"The words used in the rule are the 'load of which' and not 'the load on which.'"

"Axle weight is defined as the aggregate weights transmitted to the road by the wheels of an axle when the lorry is loaded."

"By rule 13A (1) this weight is to be ascertained and registered by the Registrar of Vehicles and it is the 'registered axle weight.'"

"In assessing the axle weight, the Registrar of Vehicles takes into consideration the size and strength of the lorry—what weight can it safely carry?"

"The rest of the rules on weights seems to have regard to the load which may be imposed on roads and bridges," continued Sir Percy.

"The argument of Mr. Mark Morrison (on behalf of the driver and the lorry owner) that the weight of the load or cargo which can be carried may amount to the sum of the axle weights, comes to this—the weight of the cargo is the sum of the following weights: the actual weight of the lorry unloaded, the weight of the driver and attendants, the weight of water when the radiator is full and the weight of the cargo. In other words the weight of the cargo which may be carried is the weight of the cargo plus a considerable amount, more."

"I think this is an absurd interpretation," declared Sir Percy, who confirmed the conviction and the sentence of the defendants, pointing out that the overloading of a lorry by almost three tons, as the magistrate thought, was deserving of more than a nominal penalty. It was in fact overloaded by over five tons, added Sir Percy.

Mr. C. H. Butterfield, Crown Counsel, appeared in support of the conviction and sentence.

POLISH AIRMEN ARE PLAYING GREATER PART IN OFFENSIVE

LONDON, Aug. 12 (BWS).—The Polish Air Force is playing an ever greater part in the allied offensive against Germany and German-occupied territories.

In the Battle of Britain, the Poles had English flight and squadron commanders, but now the squadrons are officered by Poles and in offensive operation they are led across the Channel by Polish wing commanders.

Three Polish squadrons at one station frequently take part in the Fighter Command's offensive operations as a complete wing.

DESTROYED 20

Since the R.A.F.'s big daylight offensive began in June, the Poles have been repeatedly in action. Last month one squadron destroyed 20 ME 109s over Northern France and the Channel.

Fighting in Poland when their country was invaded, Poles now with the Fighter Command shot down 500 German aircraft. They have already destroyed half this number from their bases in Britain.

Manchukuo Precautionary Measures

RUSSO-GERMAN WAR KEENLY FOLLOWED

HSINKING, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—Far Eastern interest today seems centred on the South Pacific rather than here and it cannot be said that there is any outstanding change in Russo-Japanese relations, at least as viewed from the confines of Manchukuo. Here official utterances invariably re-echo Tokyo's sentiments.

The tension which followed Mr. Matsuo's departure from the Cabinet a few weeks ago is now noticeably lessened.

Rumours emanating from Shanghai that new Russo-Japanese negotiations are taking place are emphatically denied by high Foreign Office officials interviewed by Reuter's correspondent. Other members of the Government similarly emphasise that any precautions which may be apparent in Manchukuo are of a purely defensive nature.

The Russo-German fighting is arousing the greatest interest here and each phase of the fighting is closely followed in the Press which splashes on the front page all available details.

FOREIGN COMMUNITIES

Foreign communities, particularly the English and American, whose unenviable position cannot be denied, are watching events closely. In these circles however, it is felt that even if sparks must fly it will be in the south rather than in the north that the tinder-box will be found.

Britons in Manchukuo, excluding Kwangtung leased territory number nearly 300—comprising the Mukden consular district 200 and Harbin district 70, the majority of whom are missionaries. There are about a quarter of this number of Americans.

For obvious reasons Manchukuo's precautionary measures cannot be described but it is permitted to state that they include travelling restrictions and also occasional air raid practices in various cities.

As regards the freezing of assets of various countries Manchukuo follows Tokyo step by step but in this connexion the restrictions are recently said to have been eased and certain Manchukuoan firms with part Anglo-American capital have been allowed to resume operations.

Portsmouth Honours Churchill, Hopkins

LONDON, Aug. 12 (British Wire).—The honorary freedom of Portsmouth is to be conferred on Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Harry Hopkins—on the Prime Minister in recognition of his eminent services to the nation and Empire and the great interest taken by him in the welfare of Portsmouth and its citizens.

Mr. Hopkins is accorded the honour in recognition of his eminent services to the nation and the British Empire as the personal representative in England of the President of the United States of

"OIL CANS" OF THE SEAS: IMPORTANT WORK BEING DONE BY TANKERS

An English statesman has said that in the last war "the Allies floated to victory on a sea of oil." Oil or the lack of it may well spell victory or defeat in this war, and England gets nearly all her oil by tankers, writes Russell Owen in the "Christian Science Monitor." The Germans have announced that they will now concentrate on sinking these odd-looking, squat ships, riding so low in the water when loaded that waves continually sweep their decks in rough weather.

Day by day tankers become more important, even on this side of the Atlantic. We transfer fifty American tankers to the British service and our own flow of oil from producers to consumers is so dislocated that the East is threatened with at least "gasless Sundays." Tankers have become important auxiliaries of war, and a lot of them have been sunk, even some owned in this country but flying a foreign flag.

OIL BY SEA

Tankers circle the world, carrying their cargoes across the oceans, through danger zones, up peaceful coasts such as those of the United States, for it is cheaper to carry oil by sea than by rail. In June, 1939, there were 1,731 tankers of over 1,000 tons under all flags. They had a gross tonnage nearly one-sixth that of the world's merchant fleet.

The United States alone, at the beginning of this year, had 467 tankers of 500 tons or more, totalling 2,948,264 tons and with cargo capacity of 34,344,108 barrels. And there are a number now being built in shipyards in this country—large, fast vessels which are vastly improved over the tankers of even a few years ago.

The accent is on speed—sixteen knots or better—so that ships may shuttle rapidly between their supply bases and the ports to which their cargoes are consigned. And they are driven, driven to the limit even in bad weather, so that those aboard have the sensation of riding a submarine.

BIG FERRYBOATS

These "oil cans" of the sea are big ferryboats, shuttling crude oil, lubricating oil or gasoline and, when riding light, using water as ballast. It is a strenuous life for their crews, as any tired skipper who has been up night groping his way close along a foggy coast or getting the feel of his heavy ship through his legs and wondering how much more she will stand will tell you. Considering the dangerous nature of their cargoes and the precarious coastal waters in which they often operate the tankers' record for safety is remarkable.

One never hears now of a tanker orearing in two as a ship did years ago off the Jersey coast; seldom do tankers go up in flames at sea through accident. They are about as safe as human ingenuity can make them—unless a torpedo is encountered, and the roaring

hell which is created then, as men try to abandon a blazing ship in the midst of fiery waters, can only be imagined.

SMOKING REGULATIONS

The men who sail these ships never, or seldom, think of the potential dynamite under their feet. They depend on the little tubes which carry fumes from the tanks (to be dissipated high up among the masts, and they rest, also, on their own common sense. It is the rule on a tanker that one may smoke in quarters or abaft the funnel, but nowhere else, and no man dreams of violating this rule. Even the casual traveller on a tanker instinctively is careful. The penalty for absentmindedness is too great. But just because of what might happen there are few adventures on these vessels.

It is easy to recognize a tanker. She is one of those big ships with the funnel far aft over the engine room, with the forward superstructure sticking up just forward of amidships. Ahead of that, and aft to the superstructure in the stern, there are no bulwarks, only a flush deck with a light railing. Men can work on that deck in fair weather, but when it is rough they take to the flying bridge, which runs high above the deck, fore and aft, and some times even that is not safe. Then the ship must heave to for a while when the watch is changed.

FULL OF OIL

One can't go forward and aft below decks because of the tanks. The average person is apt to think of a tanker as a ship which has one huge tank in its belly pumped full of oil. Such a tank would be dangerous in more ways than one, so the main hull of the ship is divided into tank compartments. In the older ships these compartments run from side to side, but in the new vessels the largest tanks run through the centre of the ship and are flanked on each side by smaller tanks. This makes it possible to trim the ship better.

Most of the new tankers are quite large, from 9,000 to 11,000 tons. They carry from 105,000 to 150,000 barrels of oil. The new Navy tankers are all of the largest size, and, like the best of the tankers in private service, make sixteen knots or better. Whether any of these ships have been turned over to the British is a government secret, but probably the Navy is keeping the best of them on this side of the water.

U.S. DIPLOMAT URGES ALL AID TO THE CHINESE

"We shall fall to bear our responsibility and meet our opportunity at this critical time if we do not give China quickly all aid within our power so as to help her win the victory for honour and decency in international relations," declared Dr. Frank Woodrow, American diplomat, in an interview at Peking.

"For all that we give to China today," Dr. Woodrow said, "we shall regain tenfold the value of China's friendship and the value to the world of a free, united and prosperous Chinese nation."

Dr. Woodrow also stated that China will win and be Britain's best ally working for a new world organisation. The bonds between the two countries promise to be more than a political alignment based upon the danger of the hour—they promise to be a lasting friendship and co-operation.

Dr. Woodrow who has inspected conditions in China and the Far East is now en route to Burma and the United States. (Central).

HOPE FOR FRANCE

LONDON, Aug. 12 (BWS).—According to a Beirut Press message, gratitude to the Allied forces for permitting the national government of Lebanon to continue to function was expressed yesterday by the Chief of the Lebanese State.

M. Nacagh, also expressed the hope that France would be restored to her previous unity and honour.

Farewell Parade In Kowloon For D.A.R.P.

Over 600 wardens from Shamshuipo and Yauamat districts held an inspection parade yesterday at the A.R.P. Club, King's Park, when they were inspected by the Director of A.R.P., Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, who is leaving the Colony for India.

Shamshuipo district were under the command of Divisional Warden Eric Himsforth and Yauamat under Divisional Warden H. W. Roger.

Kitty-Hawk Fighters For The R.A.F.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—Production for the R. A. F. of the first of a large number of Kitty-Hawk fighters is announced by Mr. Guy Vaughan, President of the Curtiss Wright Corporation.

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These contradictory statements are made and proven in Ben Hecht's "Angels Over Broadway," a wistful, tender, all too human romance at the Majestic Theatre. A motion picture which finds breath-taking beauty in the squalor and muck of a rain-swept city, which finds excitement and adventure in a wispy little man's effort to end his troubles by suicide, which finds heart-filling romance in the strange and wonderful meeting between a boy who things he's tough and a girl who is afraid of the future, fearful of the past, "Angels Over Broadway" mixes with its poetic beauty all the brash, braving, turmoil of a turbulent, ever-moving city.

Douglas Fairbanks Jr., is brilliantly starred in the new film, which he produced with Ben Hecht. As the "Broadway" wise guy, young Fairbanks brings to the screen a characterization completely new and strange, and does so with the smooth assurance, not of the born actor but of the born Broadwayite whom he represents. Miss Hayworth is equally appealing in her role, an intriguing and delightful study of a girl out of nowhere.

Sino Education In H.K. Satisfactory

Mr. Yu Chun-hsien, chief of the education department of the Chungking Overseas Affairs Commission, arrived in Singapore recently by Clipper from Manila after an inspection of Chinese schools in Hongkong.

Interviewed by Central News, Mr. Yu said he found Chinese education in Hongkong satisfactory. Chinese schools in the British colony, he said, have greatly flourished since the fall of Canton.

Mr. Yu is leaving for Australia within the next few days to study Chinese schools there after which he will return to Malaya to investigate overseas Chinese education and livelihood in general. He will return to Chungking via Burma in September. (Central)

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COMING EVENTS

AUG.

13—Tides: High 2.22 a.m. and 1.48 p.m. Low 7.47 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 7.57 p.m. Anniversary of Shanghai War Chero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.) Govt. House, 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. European Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9 a.m. to noon.

Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Assn. Flower Day.

Hawkers' "Patriotic Sale" to raise funds.

Chinese General Chamber of Commerce Fund Campaign.

Tennis League Matches (See Page 2).

Wu Te Chen Cup Basketball (See Page 2).

14—Tides: High 2.54 a.m. and 2.1 p.m. Low 8.51 a.m. and 8.37 p.m. Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 7.56 p.m. Model Airplane Contest and Exhibition.

H.K. F.A. Council Meeting, Association's Offices, 5.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's (Medical) War Work, 10 a.m.

St. Andrew's Club and Fellowship Card Evening, 8.45 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin, St. Francis Hotel, 1 p.m.

Victoria Chess Club, Gloucester Hotel, 5 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Cheero Club Bridge and Mahjong, 15—Tides: High 3.30 a.m. and 3.22 p.m. Low 10.22 a.m. and 9.09 p.m. St. Andrew's Wartime Interest on Service, 6.30 p.m.

16—Tides: High 4.14 a.m. and 3.48 p.m. Low 11.59 a.m. and 9.42 p.m. Old C ofton and Dinner, Y.M.C.A. Swimming Gala 9 p.m.

17—Tides: High 5.03 a.m.; Low 1.14 a.m. Variety Concert in Aid of Chinese War Relief Funds, King's Theatre.

18—Tides: High 6.06 a.m. and 5.19 p.m.; Low 2.02 a.m. and 12.26 p.m. Claims against Estate of Mr. F. F. Lane due.

Heats for Schools' Swimming Gala V.R.C. Pool 7 p.m.

19—Tides: High 6.59 a.m. and 11.31 p.m.; Low 2.41 p.m. H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin, H.K. Hotel, 1 p.m.

Heats for Schools' Swimming Gala V.R.C. Pool, 7 p.m.

Criminal Sessions Commence.

20—Tides: High 7.49 a.m. and 10.6 p.m.; Low 1.31 a.m. and 3.22 p.m.

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DANCE MUSIC AND VARIETY PROGRAMMES

"Britain Today"

(12.15 p.m. Sho.) Service of Int.

12.30 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots — A Handful of Stars

(From film "Hullabaloo"); Love Of

My Life (From film "Second Chorus")

— Artie Shaw and His Orchestra.

Rumba — Maracas (From "Cuban

Suite"); Pasodoble—Nino De Jerez —

Tejeda and His Orchestra, Fox-Trot

When June Comes, Slow Fox-Trot —

Rainbow Valley — Joe Loss and His

Band, Fox-Trots — Bewitched (From

"Pal Joey"); My Ship (From film,

"Lady in the Dark")—Bob Chester &

His Orchestra, Waltz—Vienna Folk

—Harry Horlick and His Orch.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Pro-

gramme Summary.

1.02 A Light French Programme w.

Albert Prejean (Vocal).

Si Vous Voyiez Celle Que J'Aime:

Toujours Content De Moi (Jane Bos

and Louis Billaut)—Albert Prejean w.

Orchestra, Tirol—Java Accordion

Joli Pinson — Polka Accordion (De-

prince)—L'Accordeoniste Depreux w.

son Orchestra, La Guinguette—A

Ferme Ses Volets (Montague and

Zwingel); Chanson De Balade

(Lenoir and Claude)—Dania w. Orch.

Mia Piccolina — Slow Fox; Rien

Qu'Un Chant D'Amour — Valse —

L'Accordeoniste Depreux et son Or-

chestra, Signorina (Voyage de

Noce)—(Boyer)—Albert Prejean with

Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and

Announcements.

1.15 Scenes from Noel Coward's

"Tonight at 8.30."

Scene from "Red Peppers" Intro:

"Has Anybody Seen Our Ship" and

"Men About Town" Scene from

"Shadow Play" Intro; Then: Play Or-

chestra, Play and You Were There.

Scene from "Family Album"—Here's A

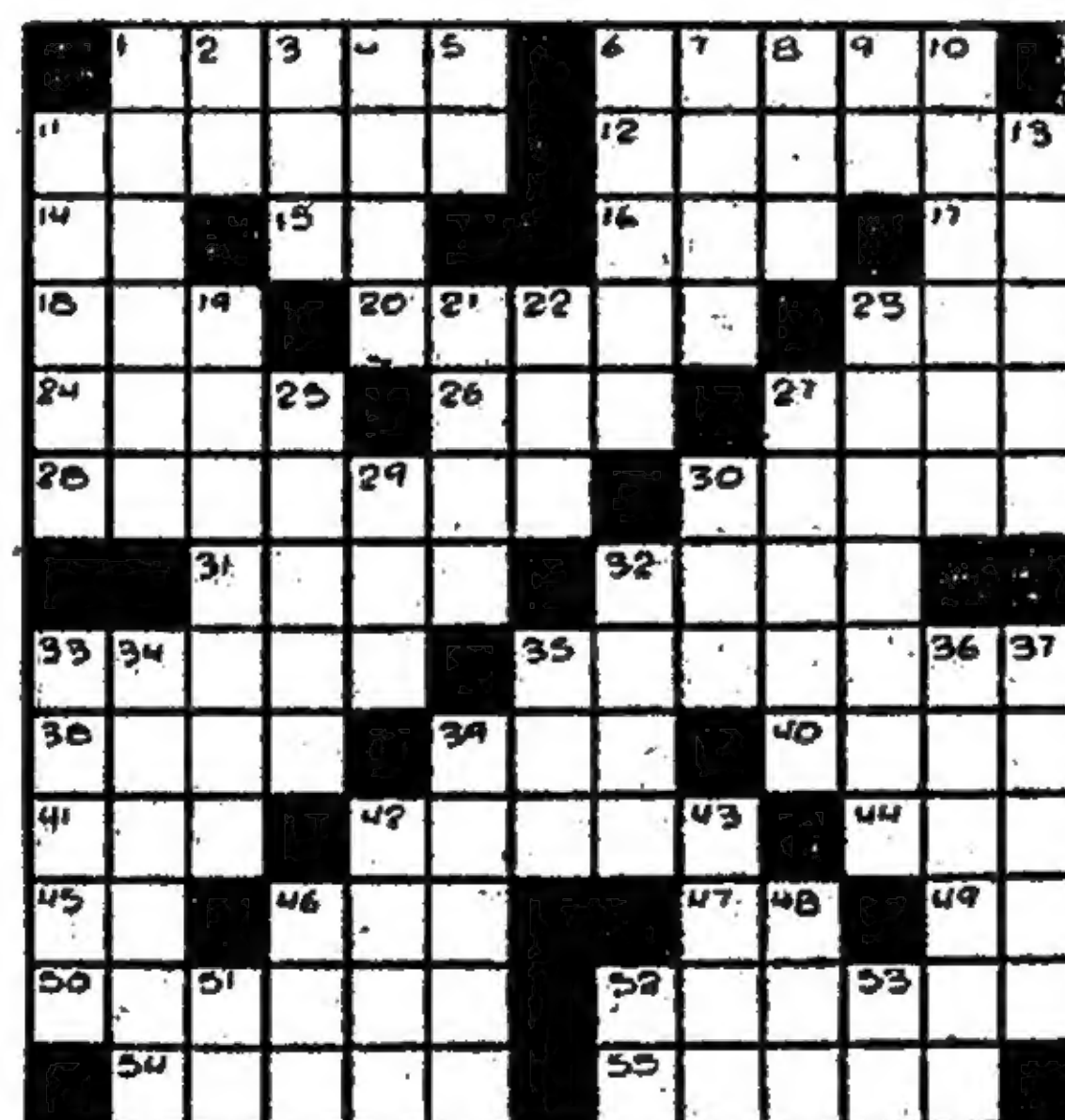
Toast and "The Musical Box" Intro:

Hearts and Flowers Gertrude Law-

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ACROSS

- 1 What is the capital of Bulgaria?
- 6 Turf
- 11 In what ancient city is the famous Acropolis?
- 12 Thing valued for its scarcity
- 14 Female parent
- 15 Latin conjunction
- 16 Writing fluid
- 17 International language
- 18 Malt liquor
- 20 African giraffe-like animal
- 23 Greek letter
- 24 Blush-white metal
- 26 Half ems
- 27 Wide smile
- 28 What country is called "Albion" in poetry?
- 30 Cast
- 31 Who was the perfidious friend of Othello?
- 32 Accurate
- 33 Soft fabric resembling velvet
- 35 Norwegian province and city
- 38 Who was the Greek god of war?
- 39 Hasten
- 40 Spirit lamp
- 41 Thing in law
- 42 Prince
- 43 Consume
- 44 Within
- 45 Suitable
- 47 Elevated (abbr.)
- 49 Earth-



- 50 goddess
- 51 Medieval silk fabric
- 52 Conquered
- 54 Genders
- 55 Poisonous snake
- DOWN
- 1 Who succeeded to power in Russia after Lenin's death?
- 2 Exclamation
- 3 Gratitude
- 4 To the inside of
- 5 Like
- 6 Clasp
- 7 Hindu queen
- 8 Coffin
- 9 Note of the scale
- 10 Stress
- 11 Bewilder
- 13 Under whose leadership did the Mormons settle in Utah?
- 19 Motors
- 21 Game of chance
- 22 Conjunction
- 23 What Italian city on the
- 40 Repair
- 48 Youth
- 51 Myself
- 52 Symbol for barium
- 53 Symbol for tellurium

SOLUTION TOMORROW

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2.15 Close Down.

4.00 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.47 The Boston Symphony Or-

chestra with Paul Robeson (Bass).

"Medito" Waltz No. 1 (Liszt) —

Serge Koussevitzky and Boston Sym-

phony Orch. The Black Emperor;

Lonely Road (Both from "Song of

Freedom"—Eric Ansell) — Paul Robe-

son with Orchestra, The Enchanted

Lake (Lindow)—Serge Koussevitzky &

Boston Symphony Orch. Cane Song

(From film "Sanders of the River") —

Wimperis)—Paul Robeson with Orch.

2.17 "Fello Solos by Emanuel

Feuermann.

Tango (Albeniz)—Op. 165 No. 2, RIT.

Kreidler; Orientale (Kaleidoscope)—

Op. 50 No. 9; Gavotta and Allegro

(From "Sonata"—Valentini, arr.

Piatti); Her Bright Smile Haunts Me

Still (Wrighton).

7.30 Half an Hour with Mozart.

Ten Variations in G Major — L. A.

Kraus (Piano solo). Don Giovanni—

Il Mio Tesoro Intanto (To My Belov-

ed Hasten! Turkish March—Vienna

Philharmonic Orchestra. L'Epreuve

D'Amour—The London Philharmonic

Orchestra.

8.00 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commem-

orary.

8.25 London Relay—Listening Post!

Examination of Points in Daily

German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 Light Opera Selections.

A Country Girl—Vocal Gems (Ross

and Monckton) — Columbia Light

Opera Company w. Orch. The Land

Of Smiles — Selection (Lehar)—Lon-

don Theatre Orchestra. The Quaker

Girl—Vocal Gems (Monckton) — The

Light Opera Company with Orch.

9.00 Local Time Signal and An-

nouncements.

9.02 Variety.

Vocal—Afraid To Say Hello (Taylor

and Arlen); My Sister And I

(Kramer, Whitney, Zaret)—Fee Wain

with Orchestra, Piano — Fox-Trot

Medley — Intro: I'm Stepping Out

With A Memory Tonight; All The

Things You Are (Hammerstein-Kern);

Until You Fall In Love (Feynman &

Carr). Waltz Medley — Intro: The

Rose Of Tralee; All Alone (Berlin);

By The Sleepy Lagoon (Eric Coster)

— Eddie Carroll with String Bass.

Monologue—Yorkshire Pudding (We-

ston and Lee)—Stanley Holloway with

Piano. Vocal and Piano—Yesterday's

Dreams (From film "Gasbags"); Down

Ev'ry Street (Noel-Felos)—"Butch"

(L. A. Hutchinson). Therenia and

Piano—Love Come Back To Me (From

"New Moon"); Dancing With Tears

In My Eyes (Dubin) — Lexington

Showell with Piano. Vocal—You Do

Something To Me (Cole Porter); You

Go To My Head (Costs Gillespie) —

Marlene Dietrich with Orchestra. Hu-

manous — The Leader ("Thanking

You"—Greater Newman) — Greater

Newman presents "The Field-De-Role"

Vocal—Bluebird of Happiness (Hov-

man — Harms) — John Charles

Thomas (Baritone) with Orchestra.

9.15 — 10.10 News in French (on

Short Wave only).

9.15 Al Bollington at the Organ.

Medley of Serenades—Intro: Fra-

quita (Lehar); Serenade (Haykens);

Serenade (Schubert); Serenade (To-

sell); Second Serenade (Haykens);

Serenade "Student Prince"—Rom-

berg). Escapade—A Mexican Elope-

ment (Phillips); Speak To Me Of

Love (Lenoir).

10.00 London Relay—The News and

News Commentary.

10.15 A Programme of Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—The Karistad Ball; The

Rut-Sut Song—Freddie Martin & His

Orchestra Swing Fox-Trots—Scatter-

brain, One Sweet Letter From You—

Penny Goodman and His Orchestra.

Jungos — Crepuscule; Fox Trot —

Geraldo and His Capcha Tango Or-

chestra. Fox-Trots—Sing A Song of

Spring; You Mean So Much To Me—

Freddie Martin's Orch. Sh-Eight.

Entente Cordiale; Quick-Step—Little

Boy Bubbles—Jack "Trump" Doyle &

His Aces of Rhythm. Fox-Trot —

When I Dream Of You, I Dream Of

Old Hawaii. Waltz—Dreamy Moans

Rights — Charles Kama and His

Moana Hawaiians. Quick-Steps—The

Best Things In Life Are Free; There's

Joy In Your Heart Coming Home —

Billy Cotton and His Band.

11.00 London—"Britain Today."

Discussion.

11.15 Close Down.

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MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD SERIOUSLY THREATENED

LONDON, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—Yesterday's Soviet communique announces fighting in the directions of Smolensk, Byelaya-Tserkov and Uman and in the Estonian sector of the front.

A military commentary in the Annalist says that the latest Russian communique suggests that the Germans are still pressing very strongly all along the Russian front, at Soltsi, southwest of Leningrad, and in south Ukraine.

The German troops, which have encountered almost inflexible opposition at Korosten and Byelaya-Tserkov, are spreading southwards in the hope of finding a weak spot with a view to threatening Odessa.

They do not seem to be getting much support from the Rumanians who are on their extreme right wing and much closer to Odessa.

Dents in the Russian line may be part of Marshal Budenny's classic defence. But the Germans have avoided making any specific claims of territorial conquest and confine themselves to the usual indefinite claim that pursuit of the retreating foe is making rapid progress everywhere.

NAZI STRATEGY

Hitler has never concealed the fact that the secret of his strategy is attack and again attack, never leaving the enemy any respite or time to recover their second wind but pressing ever onwards regardless of the loss until success is achieved.

This policy has been pursued without variation in Poland, France, Yugoslavia, Greece and Crete. It is a variant of Napoleon's famous "de laudace et toujours de laudace."

It failed, however, in the Battle of Britain, which began just over a year ago and continued without let or pause for over six weeks when at last the Luftwaffe gave up the struggle after trying its utmost to break down the British resistance.

In Russia it is coming up against the same indomitable spirit. After seven weeks of fighting, continuous and relentless German pressure has forced back the Russian defence line along the whole of a 2,000-mile front, but nowhere can the Germans claim a major vic-

tory and nowhere has the Russian resistance wavered or shown signs of weakening.

HUMAN LIMITATION

The question which naturally arises is how long will Hitler's hard pressed troops be able to continue the pressure without showing signs of failure. There is a limit to the power of human endurance and both sides must be near that limit.

The odds, however, are in favour of the Russians who are fighting for freedom and in defence of their homes.

They are slowly falling back upon shortened lines of communication and are increasing their resources of men and material. The German advance must necessarily extend the German effort and increase the strain with every mile left behind. It is now obvious that some definite result must emerge from the wide flung battle front in a matter of days rather than weeks.

MOSCOW, THREATENED

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—According to the Berlin correspondent of the Dagbladet well-informed Berlin circles declare that the new phase which is now opening on the eastern front will be decisive, for while pressure in the Ukraine is constantly increasing there is no relaxation in the central and Leningrad sectors.

Moscow and Leningrad are now seriously threatened. Berlin believes that the Russians have abandoned the idea of defending points between the Dniester and Dnieper Rivers and are now seeking to concentrate troops on a defence line east of the bank of the Dnieper.

The Berlin correspondent of the Demokraten says that a war correspondent with the panzer divisions at Smolensk gave a vivid account of the Russian's heroism and disregard of death—especially Siberians.

The correspondent adds that apparently the Russians still have considerable air forces despite losses which the Germans claim they have inflicted.

POLISH MISSION TO RUSSIA

Prelude To Formation Of Army Corps

LONDON, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—As a preliminary to the formation in Russia of a Polish Army equipped with the latest American material, the Soviet Government have accepted a Military Mission headed by General Szyzko Bohusz, who is "empowered to conclude a Polish-Soviet military agreement."

General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, disclosed this at a Polish military rally in Scotland when he declared: "The Polish-Soviet agreement has brushed aside all sentimental considerations. The Polish nation took a decidedly anti-German stand in September, 1939 in a life and death fight and it will follow this road to the end. This attitude is dictated not only by our own interests but also by the united British camp of liberty and freedom."

Navy Dept. Offered Kearney Yards

NEW YORK, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—The Navy Department has been offered the Kearney Shipyards for "immediate possession and operation" by the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Company.

Work at Kearney, New Jersey, is at a standstill following the strike of 18,000 workers, which is variously reported as involving the formation of a modified union shop and the presentation of wage increase demands.

Orders for \$493,000,000 worth of war and merchant shipping are in hand at these yards.

LONDON, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—A second All-American Eagle Squadron has been formed in the R.A.F., states the Air Ministry, and has already had its first encounter with the enemy. As a result the squadron claims one Junkers 88 as "probably destroyed."

Tension In Vichy High

MINISTERS HOLD CONSULTATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO STUDY NAZI DEMANDS FOR AFRICA BASES

VICHY, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—Discussions between Vichy Ministers which have followed closely upon each other since Saturday were continued yesterday morning, states the Vichy news agency. They included an interview between General Huntziger, Minister of War, and General Weygand, Marshal Petain's Delegate-General in North Africa. Other ministerial talks are going on at the same time.

The Vichy agency says: "These discussions have given the impression of widespread consultation, of which the Cabinet Council expected this afternoon would appear to be the crowning point. They have been conducted in an atmosphere of complete calm, presaging no crisis. No sign of nervousness has been perceptible."

In support of this, the agency mentions the attendance of Marshal Petain, Admiral Darlan and other ministers at theatrical and operatic performances.

Well-informed circles are reported as stating the view that any announcement of an important decision concerning foreign policy in the immediate future is out of the question, says the agency.

The agency also says: "Contrary to certain allusions in the Paris press, there would appear to have been no personal questions involved in the talks being directed to an effective understanding between all members of the Government who gave their views on many problems approached."

TENSION HIGH

LONDON, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—The political tension in Vichy remains high, says the Daily Telegraph, which reports day-long constant conferences between Marshal Petain, Amiral Darlan, General Weygand and General Huntziger.

It is generally thought that yesterday's meetings will be forced to decide one way or other on German "suggestions."

Mr. E. B. Wareing, writing in the Daily Telegraph, says that what is actually on the Cabinet's agenda is the demand for "facilities" at Dakar, Algiers, Casablanca and Bizerta.

Naval Planes Bomb Large Enemy Vessel At Syracuse

CAIRO, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—An attack by the Fleet Air Arm against a large merchant ship at Syracuse in Sicily and activity by the R.A.F. in North Africa are reported in a Royal Air Force Middle East communique issued yesterday.

"On Saturday night, Blenheim of the R.A.F. attacked repair shops at Bardia, starting a number of large bright fires. Enemy landing grounds at Gazala were also bombed and machine-gunned."

"Yesterday Maryland bombers of the South African Air Force carried out attacks on enemy positions, motor vehicles and personnel in the neighbourhood of Bardia."

BARRACKS DEMOLISHED

"Tripolitania. — On Saturday, R.A.F. bombers demolished barracks and a block house south of Misurata and also attacked enemy motor transport vehicles and petrol trailers in the same neighbourhood. All trailers were holed by machine-gun bullets and several lorries were overturned and destroyed. The formation then attacked two large ammunition and supply dumps at Buerat. Ammunition was exploded and personnel standing by were killed or wounded."

"Sicily.—Aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm made a torpedo attack on a large merchant vessel at Syracuse on Saturday. A quantity of bombs was also dropped at Augusta, one making a direct hit on a gasometer."

"From these operations all our aircraft returned safely."

U.S. NAVY MEDAL FOR 'N. SOONG

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12 (Central).—Mr. Norman Soong, editor of the Central News, has been awarded the "Navy Expeditionary Medal" by the United States Government, for the part he played during the bombing and sinking of the U.S.S. Panay by Japanese planes, it was learned authoritatively on Aug. 7. Mr. Soong was then correspondent of the New York Times.

Other survivors receiving the award include Mr. Eric Mayell, Mr. Weldon James, P.M. writer, and Mr. Jim Marshall, Collier's correspondent.

"There Seems No Limit To Prevarication, Distortion By The Vichy Government"

LONDON, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—The looming threat to Dakar occupies a prominent place in London Press comment yesterday. THE TIMES leader says that "There seems no limit to the prevarication and distortion of facts to which Vichy will not descend in pursuit of the policy of collaboration with Hitlerite Germany."

"A thick veil is held over what is going on in French North and Northwest Africa, but Great Britain and the United States must be prepared at any time to find themselves confronted with German infiltration on the Syrian model, involving the use of Dakar and other bases against British and American shipping in the south Atlantic."

"The hasty exit of the Germans and Italians as soon as the Allied forces had crossed the Syrian border was made the basis of distinguished protests by Vichy, who calmly ignoring all that had gone before argued that since the Germans and Italians had already gone there was no longer any reason for the British to do anything about it."

"The same attitude stamps their reply to the American demand for clarification of their attitude for the defence of their empire. Mr. Sumner Welles has expressed doubts on their determination to defend points, the possession of which or the use of which by Axis Powers would threaten American interests, pointing out that not only had Vichy consented to the Japanese seizure of bases in French Indo-China but had offered no resistance when the German and Italian forces used the facilities of Syria to operate against the British."

"Vichy, replying, said nothing of the complacency with which they had tolerated Axis encroachment but plumed themselves on the determination with which they had resisted the British invasion. This, they describe as aggression, glossing over the Japanese action in Indo-China as in no way attracting from the French rights."

"To people capable of arguing this way words ceased to have any meaning. Whether they are really deceiving themselves does not matter very much. What is important is that Great Britain and the United States should not allow themselves to be deceived or confused."

FUNDS RAISED FOR NEW BATTLESHIP

LONDON, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—The sum of \$5,000,000 has been raised to provide a British battleship by the Stock Exchange Savings group.

An announcement to this effect made yesterday adds that the whole sum was raised since July 1.

Now the group aims to raise by the end of September sufficient money to pay for an aircraft carrier, a cruiser, a large destroyer, a submarine, a corvette, a motor torpedo-boat, an anti-submarine boat, a bomber and a medium tank.

NANTAO SITUATION

CHUNGKING, Aug. 12 (Central).—After being closed for seven days, the iron gates between Nantao and the French Concession were opened again by the Japanese yesterday morning, according to a Shanghai dispatch. People are now permitted to enter and leave Nantao but subjected to strict searches.

PESHAWAR, Aug. 12 (Reuter).—There has been a considerable improvement in the attitude of the Sinkiang Government towards British subjects following the Russo-German war, according to reports received here from Kashgar. British and Afghan subjects who were arranging to leave the country have, therefore, it is stated, decided to remain.



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TUESDAY 12 AUGUST.				TUESDAY 12 AUGUST.			
Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
Banks							
...	\$1330	H.K. Banks	...	...	\$1340
...	276	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	276
...	272	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	272
...	282	Chartered Bank	...	...	282
...	223	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	223
...	211	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	211
...	276	Bank of East Asia	...	...	276
...	N. C. & S. Banks	17 ct.	...	...
Insurance							
...	\$326	Canton Insurance	...	...	\$326
...	\$405	Union Insurance	...	...	\$400
...	\$160	Underwriters	...	...	\$160
...	H.K. Fire	...	...	...
Shipping							
...	\$120	Douglas	...	...	\$120
...	\$56	Steamships	...	...	\$56
...	\$70	Indo-China (Prof.)	...	...	\$70
...	\$49/44	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	\$49/44
...	\$8.05	Waterboats	...	...	\$8.05
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.							
...	\$91	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	\$90
...	\$5.80	Providentia	...	...	\$5.80
...	\$16	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	\$16.00
...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...
Mining							
...	13/6	Kailans	...	...	13/6
...	\$7	Rauba	...	...	\$7.80
...	2 cts.	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...
Lands, Hotels and Buildings							
...	\$3.70	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	\$3.30
...	H.K. Lands	...	...	\$3.44
...	Do. 4% Debetures	...	...	\$3.74
...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...
...	H.K. Realities	...	...	\$3.30
...	Hunphreys	...	...	\$6.80
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...
Cotton Mills							
...	Ewo (S.)	...	...	\$36
...	S'hai Cottons (S.)	...	...	\$36
...	Zoong Sings (S.)	...	...	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...
Public Utilities							
...	\$16.90	H.K. Tramways	...	...	\$16.90
...	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	...
...	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	...
...	Star Ferries	...	...	...
...	W'ant. Ferries	...	...	...
...	China Lights (O)	...	...	...
...	China Lights (New)	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric (New)	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric (Rts.)	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...
...	Telephones (old)	...	...	...
...	Telephones (new)	...	...	...
Industrials							
...	Cald., Macg. (Ord.) S.	...	...	...
...	Cald., Macg. (Prof.) S.	...	...	...
...	Canton Ice	...	...	...
...	Cement	...	...	...
...	H.K. Ropes	...	...	...
...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...
...	4% Loan	...	...	...
...	3 1/2% (1924)	...	...	...
...	3 1/2% (1940)	...	...	...
Miscellaneous							
...	Dairy Farms	...	...	...
...	Entertainments	...	...	...
...	Constructions (old)	...	...	...
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...
...	Lone Crawford	...	...	...
...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...
...	Sincere	...	...	...
...	Watsons	...	...	...
...	Ch. G. 5% 1925-30 Bds.	...	...	...
...	H.K. Wing On	...	...	...
...	S'hai Wing On	...	...	...
...	Vibro Piling	...	...	...
...	Marsmans Inv. (Lon.)	...	...	...
...	Marsmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	...
...	Wm. Powells	...	...	...
...	N.A. Chemicals (H.K.)	...	...	...
...	†Sale to Shanghai	...	...	...

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

LOSING QUOTATIONS

AUGUST 12, 1941.

In London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
In Shanghai:—	
On demand	49 5/8
In Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
In Japan:—	
On demand	102 1/4
In India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 82 5/8	
and demand	
In New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24 16/16	
Credits, 60 days' sight 25 5/8	
In Batavia:—	
On demand	48 3/4
In Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
In Saigon:—	
On demand	106
In Manila:—	
On demand	49 7/8
In Bangkok:—	
On demand	149 1/2
In Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate	Nom.
Bar Silver per oz.	23 7/16

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 7/16 for both Ready and Forward. Silver advices reported the market as being steady with no business done. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to Oct. buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Selling rate to Merchants at 25 1/16.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Merchants were quoted early in the morning at 508. Later the rate receded to 505.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling sellers at 2 55/64 and closed with sellers at 2 29/32 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 4 13/16 and closed at 4 29/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

Quiet.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 up to October, buyers at 1/3 1/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Selling rate to Merchants at 25 1/16.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers at 503.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened this afternoon with sellers at 2 31/32 and last rate received reported the market as being easier at 2 61/64 for Spot. U.S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 and last rate received reported sellers at 4 15/16 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Aug. 12 (Reuters).

Official T.T. Rates

Opening

London 0/2-13/16

New York 4-11/16

Japan unquoted

India 15-1/2

Paris unquoted

Hongkong 18-5/8

Sterling

Opening

Spot 0/2-27/32

Aug. 0/2-27/32

Sept. 0/2-27/32

U.S. Dollars

Spot \$4-25/32

Aug. 4-25/32

Sept. 4-25/32

Market:—Firm

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 24-1/4 per cent.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Aug. 11 (Reuters).

Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 90-0-0.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Aug. 11 (Reuters).

T.T. on Japan, unquoted.

N.Y. Commodity Market

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

Previous		New York, Aug. 11.	
Close	High	Low	Change
16.32	16.31	16.09	16.27 05 off
22.50	22.55	22.50	22.50N unch.
11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 1/4 1 off
79	78 1/2	77 1/2	78 1/2 1 off

NEW YORK COTTON

Closing Ranges Changes

Oct.	18.11/12	21 off
Dec.	18.27/30	23 off
Jan.	18.29 N	22 off
Mar.	18.39/39	23 off
May	18.40/40	22 off
July	18.34 N	23 off

Saturday's sales 102,000 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

Sept.	22.50 N	unch.
Dec.	22.50b/55a	20 up
Mar.	20.80 N	unch.

Total sales:—310 tons.

NEW YORK HIDES

Dec.	14.50b/54a	.04 off
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Total sales:—8 lots.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Sept.	110 1/2/110 1/2	1 off
Dec.	114 1/2/114 1/2	1 1/2 off
May	117 1/2/117 1/2	1 1/2 off

Saturday's sales:—11,541,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

Sept.	78 1/2/78 1/2	1 off
Dec.	81 1/2/81 1/2	1 off
May	85 1/2/85 1/2	1 off

NEW YORK LARD

Sept.	9.92/92	23 off
Dec.	10.25/25	—

NEW YORK BLACK PEPPER

Sept.	6.13/13	.05 off
Dec.	6.23/23	.07 off

NEW YORK COTTONSEED OIL

Sept.	11.90b/94a	13 off
Dec.	11.65/65	15 off

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

Sept.	2.84b/86a	.06 up
Jan.	2.89b/86a	.06 up

Business done:—294 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

Sept.	1.83b/85a	.03 up
Dec.	1.89b/86a	.04 up
May	1.96b/87a	.05 up

Business done:—852 lots.

NEW YORK COCOA

Sept.	7.62 N	.01 up
Dec.	7.73 N	.03 up

NEW YORK WOOL GREASE

Dec.	92.5b/93.3a	5 off
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N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4

N.Y./London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2

H.K. Stock Exchange

Tuesday, Aug. 12.

BUYERS

H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, 95.50.

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1934), 94.50.

H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan (1940), 94.50.

H.K. Banks, 1330.

Canton Ins., 2225.

H.K. Fire Ins., 1185.

Docks, 1550.

Providents, 55.80.

Chinese Estates, 101.

Trams X.D., 1160.

Electricity (N), 121.

Electricity Rts., 10.80.

Cements, 14.50.

Watsons, 10.85.

SALES

Docks, 15.65.

Trams X.D., 116.95/17.

Lights (O), 5.90/95/6.

Lights (N), 11.30.

Macao Electric, 18.40.

Dairy Farms, 181.

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Volume of Business Transacted on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 1941.

SALES

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H.K. Electric Rts. 100 6.95

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Japanese Launch New
Campaign Of Terror
In Southern Kiangsu

CHUNGKING. (By Airmail): Sufferings of the Chinese in the occupied areas of southern Kiangsu are intensified as a result of a new campaign of terror under the guise of "bandit suppression" launched by the Japanese and the puppet troops of Nanking, according to a Shanghai dispatch quoting recent arrivals from Soochow and other cities on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway.

The campaign, which really aims at the extermination of patriotic Chinese struggling for freedom and independence, is part of a scheme drawn up by the "Japanese Ambassador to Nanking," Kumataro Honda. Designed "to strengthen the Nanking regime," the scheme calls for the creation of a puppet army and the expansion of Nanking's present mercenary force of 180,000 into 500,000 men, whose job is to aid the Japanese in slaughtering patriotic Chinese elements in the occupied areas.

The campaign, which is to be completed in five months, started on May 21 when a so-called "Bandit Suppression Committee" was set up in Nanking. But actually it did not get under way until July 1 after Wang Ching-wel's return from Tokyo where the Honda scheme received official approval. Four districts in southern Kiangsu are marked out for "bandit suppression" work in the first period. They include Soochow, Changshu, Quinsan and Taichong.

Shanghai is also included but due to the existence of foreign settlements no direct action can be taken. Instead, the Japanese and the Nanking regime have dispatched large numbers of "special service agents" to intensify their terrorist activities in the foreign-administered areas.

MAILS SUSPENDED

In the prosecution of the campaign, both land and water communications in the above-mentioned four districts are now blocked. The Japanese undertake to blockade the water routes, while the puppet troops are made responsible for land operations. As a result of the blockade, not only travelling in the affected areas is prohibited, but even the delivery of mails is compelled to suspend. The blockade is mostly rigidly enforced in areas on the border of Soochow and Changshu. Ignorant of the new Japanese move, many Chinese returning to their native villages in these areas are turned back and forced to wander about in misery.

In the "bandit suppression" areas, the Japanese and the puppet troops are also enforcing stringent measures restricting the movement of foodstuffs and commodities. Nothing can be brought into or out of these areas without the permission of the Japanese and such permission can be obtained only by payment of large bribes.

Among the goods banned from being taken out are metals, rice, wheat, flour, beans, cotton, hemp, hemp products, oxen, pigs, sheep, eggs and egg products, bristles, feathers, tea, tung oil, raw silk, tobacco, hides and bottles. The category of goods forbidden entry into these areas includes machines, soap, kerosene, petrol, matches, lumber, candles, salt, foods, cotton yarn, cotton piece goods, woollen piece goods, artificial silk and artificial silk goods, sugar, medicines, surgical instruments, etc.

FORESTRY
BUREAUS
FORMED

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry has established three forestry bureaus in Shensi, Kansu and Szechwan.

The Shensi bureau will take care of the forests in the Chin Lin Range on the southern bank of the Wei River in central Shensi, while the Kansu bureau will look after the woodlands along the Tao River.

Both the Chin Lin Range and Tao River woodlands are the leading forest districts in the north-west, though larger forests are found in Sinkiang, Chinghai and western Kansu.—(Central News)

NEW ENVOY TO
AUSTRALIA

According to a TA KUNG PAO report, Dr. Hsu Mo, first Chinese envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary to Australia, is scheduled to proceed to his post on August 18.

Dr. Tuan Mo-lan, Counsellor of the Chinese Legation in Australia and concurrently Consul-General at Sydney, and other staff members of the Legation, are reported to be leaving on August 15.

Until recently, Dr. Tuan was Director of the American Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—(Central News)

FLOOD PREVENTION
IN HONAN

Appropriate precautions are being taken against overflowing of the Yellow River, known as "China's Sorrow," and other rivers in Honan, according to Mr. Wang Hwei-hsien, director of the Honan Flood Prevention Bureau.

A dike between Huayankow and Chiehshouts, measuring about 100 miles, has been completed. Engineers and workers have been sent to various places along the rivers to guard against any emergency and large quantities of materials are placed in readiness.—(Central News)

MARINERS WARNED

The buoys marking the Minefield Channel south of Alasatin Point in the Manila and Subic Bay area have been repainted. States a notice from the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey released locally by the Harbour Office.

Entering Manila Bay from seaward, the Red Nun Buoy numbered 6 and 8 now mark the starboard side of the Channel, and the Black Nun Buoy numbers 5 and 7 mark the port side.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 13 to 19 Aug. 1941.

Days of Week	Day of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Wed.	13	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		01 22	5 3	06 47	3 3
		12 46	5 1	19 06	2 6
Thu	14	01 54	5 4	07 51	3 3
		12 24	4 5	19 37	3 0
Fri	15	02 20	5 4	08 22	3 4
		14 22	4 1	20 09	3 3
Sat	16	02 14	5 6	10 59	3 2
		16 46	3 6	20 42	3 6
Sun	17	04 08	5 7	12 14	2 7
Mon	18	05 06	6 1	13 02	2 4
		20 19	4 0	22 28	3 8
Tues	19	05 59	6 4	—	—
		20 44	4 2	13 44	1 9

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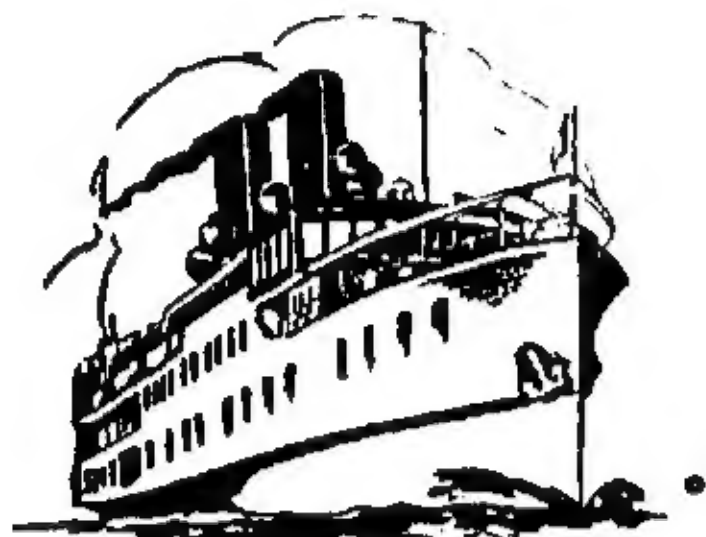
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Proposal To Charge Expenditure In Building Up Large Reserve Of Rice To The War Taxation Revenue

PUBLICATION OF STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS OF MONOPOLY SHOULD BE MADE PERIODICALLY

THE EQUITABLE RICE SALES FUNDS COMMITTEE DECIDED AT ITS LAST MEETING, HELD AT MEDICAL HEADQUARTERS ON MONDAY, TO PROPOSE TO GOVERNMENT THAT IT SHOULD CHARGE "THE VERY CONSIDERABLE EXPENDITURE" involved in building up, storing and turning over of a large reserve of rice for defence purposes against the revenue collected in the form of War Taxation.

Alternatively, should Government be unable to accept the justice of that submission it would give early consideration to the grant of a subsidy to enable the Monopoly to sell certain grades of rice below the cost entailed by the system in vogue.

It was also submitted by the Committee that "AN EFFECTIVE METHOD OF ALLAYING ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT MIGHT EXIST IN THE MINDS OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE WOULD BE TO PUBLISH AT REASONABLE INTERVALS STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEETS RELATING TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE MONOPOLY."

Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, was in the Chair, and members present were Rev. W. H. Atton, Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, and Messrs. E. L. Curtis, C. N. Li, C. C. Liao, Tsai Po-tin and Wong Quincey.

The Chairman reported that no reply had so far been received to the urgent representations made to Government by the Committee at its previous meeting.

He intimated that he felt that he had every member of the Committee behind him when he emphasised the fact that the Committee gave their wholehearted support to the control of such a vital foodstuff as rice being in the hands of a Government body during the period of the present emergency.

LEGITIMATE ROLE

The Committee felt, however, that they served a legitimate and not unimportant role in offering constructive submissions, both to Government and to the Monopoly, in relation to the high price of rice and to the grades of rice offered for sale by Government. Members of the Committee made it clear that they fully appreciated the magnitude of the task which the Monopoly had to face, especially in view of the very large number of grades (alleged to be over sixty) with which the Monopoly had had to deal when taking over rice transactions in June.

It was apparent from the statement of Government policy that part of the high cost of rice was referable to the expenditure involved in building up, storing and turning over a large reserve for defence purposes.

The Committee suggested that it would be reasonable to charge this very considerable expenditure against the revenue collected in the form of War Taxation. From information published in the Press on Aug. 8, it appeared that millions of dollars had had to be expended on meat, butter, air raid precautions, and so on.

The Committee contended that the provision of adequate stocks of rice as a defence measure could not unreasonably be charged to similar heads of revenue as those used to pay for other foodstuffs.

European Attacked With Hammers

A man named Douglas Gifford, of No. 206, Sai Yung Choi Street, was the victim of an assault by three Chinese at the junction of Taiipo Road and Maple Street on Monday night, states a police report.

Two of the men, it was stated, were armed with hammers. Revenge was believed to be the motive. One of the men, it is learned, has been arrested.

LONDON, Aug. 12 (Reuters).—"Nothing to report" was the terse communique issued yesterday evening by the Ministry of Home Security.

tunnels and the like. In other words, the Committee submitted with great respect that Government should reconsider the decision to make "the cost of holding the large reserve of rice, which is considered necessary as a defence measure" (to quote the words of the Government spokesman) "a direct charge on the income of the Monopoly."

GRANT SUBSIDY

Alternatively, if Government are unable to accept the justice of this submission, the Committee expressed the hope that Government would give early consideration to the grant of a subsidy from revenue to enable the Monopoly to sell certain grades of rice below the cost entailed by the system in vogue.

From the reference made by the Government spokesman to criticism of the Monopoly on the score of sale prices and to the Monopoly being a public institution that should operate on sound economic principles, it was a further submission of the Committee that an effective method of allaying any possible misunderstanding that might exist in the minds of the community at large would be to publish at reasonable intervals statements of accounts and balance sheets relating to the operations of the Monopoly.

Should certain reasons exist rendering it undesirable for those transactions to be made public, it was suggested that Government might care to consider the possibility of divorcing the accounts relating to the acquisition, storage and turnover of rice needed for defence purposes from those dealing with the acquisition of stocks for the day to day requirements of the population of the Colony.

In the absence of some such accounting, it would appear that the poorer members of the community were being called upon to pay a War Tax on an essential food commodity.

The Committee felt justified in their respectful submissions by the contents of a recent White Paper (published in the Press on Aug. 9) in which the Secretary of State for the Colonies emphasised that the second object of the White Paper was to bring to the Colonial Governments "an obligation to raise the standard of living of all classes whose standard is below the minimum that can be regarded as adequate."

GRADING OF RICE

Referring to the grading of rice, the Chairman said that the Manager of the Hongkong Government Rice Monopoly had kindly furnished a sample of the new Government Grade AA rice for assay. This rice was 95 per cent. unbroken and had a vitamin B₁ value of 45 I.U. per 100 grammes as compared with 120 for Monopoly cargo or brown rice.

Government had not yet replied to the strong recommendations made at the last meeting that a grade of cargo or brown rice should be established at a cheaper rate than any of the existing grades of polished rice. A similar recommendation had been made to the Monopoly on behalf of the Hongkong Nutrition Research Committee.

It was agreed that every member of the Committee should undertake the duty of visiting at least one rice retail shop weekly to compare prices of the different grades of rice with those laid down by Government regulation.

The Chairman reported that the Committee had approved the Committee's scheme for a cooked rice kitchen in the basement of Wanchai Market kindly let for the purpose by the Hon. Mr. W. J. Carrle.

WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

The following marriages took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday with Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiating:—

Mr. Wong Muk-sang, merchant, of No. 485 Un Chau Street, Sham-shuipo, and Miss Tsang Kit-ching, of No. 2 Tung Chau Street, Sham-shuipo;

Mr. Ip Hoi-chuen, building contractor, of No. 1 Mui Hing Street, and Miss Cheng Wan-lan, of No. 122 Main Street, first floor;

Mr. Chen Yak-yun, civil servant of the Chinese Central Government, of No. 33 Seymour Road, and Miss Pun Yuen-yue, of No. 54 Wong Tai Street.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The forthcoming marriage between Mr. David Alan Finlayson Mathers, captain of the 2/14 Punjab Regiment, and Miss Jean MacLeod Mather, of Leysing Hall, Kowloon.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

A Service of Confirmation was held yesterday evening in the Chapel of St. John's Hall, Bonham Road.

The Bishop of Hongkong, the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, officiated and the candidates for confirmation were presented by the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, Acting Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

The candidates were Miss Sarah Wang, Mr. Tan Hong-teck, and Mr. B. D. Pau, of the Hongkong University Christian Association, and Mr. R. L. C. Kerney, of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

CEMENT WORKS IN KIANGSI

The Kiangsi Provincial Government is establishing a cement works at an undisclosed place. Machinery supplied by the Industrial and Mining Adjustment Administration of the Ministry of Economic Affairs is expected to arrive there in a few days. (Central News).

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR KEYS?

The police report that they have in their possession one bunch of Yale lock keys in a leather key wallet as well as a bunch of similar type keys on a key ring.

It is believed the keys were lost in Statue Square or near the car park. Applications for their return should be made at Central Police Station.

TYPHOON WARNING

The Manila Observatory gave warning yesterday morning of a typhoon in about Lat. 23 N., long. 136 E. moving north-west. This is a point in the Pacific to the south of Japan.

"I'M IN THE ARMY NOW"

San Francisco, Henry F. Grady, President of the American President Lines, has received a telegram which reads in effect: "Dear Dad: I'm in the army now!" It was signed "Private Reinald del Valle Grady, Camp Lee, Virginia."

Private Grady, eldest of four children of Dr. and Mrs. Grady, was inducted into service July 3 at Washington, D.C., where he was working and where he had registered under the Selective Service Act. He was assigned temporarily to Camp Lee, a replacement camp, and expects to be given permanent assignment shortly.

Young Grady, who is 23 years old, graduated last year from the University of California, College of Commerce, where his father was formerly dean. Shortly before his induction into service young Grady visited his parents in San Francisco.

Owing to the fact that Volunteer duties and other reasons have made it impossible for Talbot and Reclero to arrange a date for the completion of their Second Division Lawn Bowls League game which had to be abandoned owing to rain on August 2, it has been decided to leave it over till the end of the season.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 13th AUGUST, 1941.

Air Mail to Rangoon to connect with the British Overseas Airways Service will until further notice be closed on Mondays and Fridays. Correspondence for despatch by this route must be superscribed by "C.N.A.C."

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FRIDAY	Fri. 15th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
MONDAY	Mon. 18th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 20th Aug. K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM

WARTIME MEANS MORE SEATIME FOR SHIPS OF BRITISH NAVY: WORK DONE IN ENGINE ROOMS

"Wartime means more seatime for the ships of the British Navy," said MR. H. C. FERRABY, naval commentator of the B.B.C. when he broadcast from London yesterday and described the work done by the men in the engine rooms of His Majesty's ships.

"Warships today put in hundreds of hours more at sea than many thousands of miles she had in times of peace," continued Mr. Ferraby. "Even the little ships are constantly on the move and one of them I know covered 17,000 miles."

RUNNING REPAIRS

"All this movement means that the ships' engines are working for 300 days a year and that means very little time for running repairs."

Mr. Ferraby paid a tribute to the ingenuity of ship's engineers for keeping these ships running as they do. The engineers of a ship were responsible for the ship's power, for without it a ship could not be moved about.

The engineers carried out their work down below and out of sight and it certainly was not pleasant to be in the engine room of a ship when it was being shelled or bombed. They never knew what was going on topside, except that every now and again the ship is shaken violently.

The work done below was a marvel of concentration of power which naval engineers had to control. Most people had some idea of how hot steam from a kettle can be, but steam from the boiler was very much hotter.

In wartime, ships could not depend on going to dockyards for repairs as easily as they did before and when people read of the Warspite having gone to Singapore, it gave them an idea of the dangers of hours more at sea than many thousands of miles she had in times of peace.

On the additional charge of repainting from banishment, Chai Wing was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

D. O. SOUTH

BANISHED GAOL

Chan Wing and Lai Yung appeared on remand before Mr. S. F. Balfour yesterday charged with the possession of 18 cabbies and 17 cabbies, wild tree wood, valued at 58 cents and 34 cents respectively, in Cheung Chau on Aug. 10, and were bound over in the sum of \$25 each for one year.

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